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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

In preparing this message at the end of what our 2011 Annual Report once again shows has been a productive year I am moved to ask the question - how? How is it that even though our financial and human resources decline annually, by what seems to be a disproportionate amount in comparison to other sectors, we find the will-power to re-organise, re-structure, and re-focus to try to maintain a semblance of the quality of service that the communities we serve deserve?

The answer to my question is in fact very simple. It is down to the resilience, commitment, flexibility and innovation of people. And this is not only those people directly involved with and employed by the Heritage Council. It includes the very broad spectrum of people in communities across Ireland whom Council supports and encourages, enabling them to take responsibility for the on-going management, conservation, use and celebration of their heritage. They have shown the greatest resilience of all. They have created and supported employment, they have realised educational opportunities and they have enhanced the quality of our heritage tourism.

The announcement in November 2011 by the Government that it was undertaking a critical review of the Heritage Council with a view to its

merger into the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will further test our resilience. In resisting such a merger the Council believes it has acquitted itself as a positive, effective and modern public body. As this report further demonstrates, Council successfully delivers a range of social and economic benefits at minimal cost, and it is communities that benefit. The levers that allow this to happen include Council's independence of action and the well-founded public confidence in its capacity to deliver through a broad range of programmes and the proposal of expert multi-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary policy advice. Merger into a central department would with one swoop remove these levers.

The recommendations from the critical review are due in mid- 2012 and it has been humbling to behold the level of support for the Council from so many different quarters, and the value and esteem in which the service Council provides is held. Whether that support has any impact on the outcome of the critical review remains to be seen. That outcome will certainly determine the nature of the Chairman's message for 2012.

In the interim I thank everyone associated with the Heritage Council who has made 2011 another successful year.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Conor Newman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Conor Newman
Chairman



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Government Programme for Public Sector Reform announced in November 2011 has at its core the following five commitments:

- **Placing customer service at the core of everything we do**
- **Maximising new and innovative service delivery channels**
- **Radically reducing our costs to drive better value for money**
- **Leading, organising and working in new ways, and**
- **Focusing on implementation and delivery**

The Heritage Council's 2011 Annual Report not only demonstrates how Council is contributing to these commitments but even more importantly shows how Council as an organisation is ensuring that its work remains relevant to the current economic and social imperatives of the day.

With our partners, we have managed to sustain our direct support of over 70 jobs in a range of public and private partnerships, and our grants programmes provide support for many more individuals and small and medium enterprises at a local level. Emerging research suggests the historic environment alone supports approaching 40,000 full time equivalent employment positions in Ireland and contributes €1.5 billion to the nation's gross value added. Staggering figures indeed.

In education and awareness initiatives such as Heritage in Schools and Heritage Week, we continue to have an amazing impact. Heritage in Schools facilitated some 1,595 school visits, reaching 118,620 children at a cost to Council of less than €2 per child. Heritage Week broke all records with a record 1,500 events around the country and over 600,000 people participating at a cost to Council of only €0.50 per person. This represents amazing value for money.

The quality of our heritage tourism has benefited from initiatives such as the Irish Walled Towns Network where an investment of €600,000 in ten member towns conserved and enhanced significant parts of our historic environment and also supported 40 jobs in the construction sector and another 30 professional jobs. In 2011, Council's grants programmes saw tourism numbers in Rindoon grow from zero to 7,000 and for every €1 spent by the Heritage Council the Irish Tourism industry benefits by €4.4.

So much for the good news. Our resources continue to be cut disproportionately. We were only able to run a Grants Programme in 2011 because of a late award from the Environment Fund and we were unable to fund any research grants at all. Our partners such as the Landmark Trust and the Discovery Programme are stretched to the limit and the availability of the Heritage Officers to secure matching funding even for small grants is becoming increasingly difficult. We are fast running out of options and it is with real trepidation that we face into 2012.



Michael Starrett
Michael Starrett

Chief Executive

Council Members



Current Council Members 2012

Council Members 2011 included

Conor Newman (Chairman), Prof. Gabriel Cooney, Dr Brendan Dunford, Dr Caro-lynn Ferris, Kealin Ireland, Mary Keenan, Brian Lucas, Ian Lumley, Dr. Henry Lyons, Helen O'Carroll, Finola Reid, Gráinne Shaffrey

Staff Members



Michael Starrett (Chief Executive), Anne Barcoe, Gerard Croke, Ian Doyle, Paula Drohan, Alison Harvey, Beatrice Kelly, Martina Malone, Colm Murray, Cliona O'Brien, Amanda Ryan, Christena Ryan, Isabell Smyth, Liam Scott

Project staff: Lesley-Ann Hayden, Liam Mannix, Anna Meenan, Rebecca Reynolds

Interns: Mary Teehan, Geni Murphy, Jane Coe.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Heritage Council is a public body working in the public interest. Our priorities are to support jobs, education, and heritage tourism in local communities. Ireland's heritage has a value that is both economic and inspirational. Its impact is immediate and long-term. The Heritage Council's work in supporting jobs is an essential part of the outlook that will deliver longer term, sustainable economic recovery.

The Heritage Council complements but importantly builds on the work of other state heritage bodies which have primary responsibility for the care of property in state ownership and the designation of protected areas. Through partnerships in the community the Heritage Council ensures that economic opportunity is linked with the natural and built environment.

By intervening at an early stage to secure the long-term care of finite heritage assets, the Heritage Council ensures that heritage is a value that is preserved effectively now and in ways that reduce costs to our economy and society subsequently. The heritage infrastructure it has established directly supports 70 jobs in public and private bodies throughout Ireland. These jobs are held by people who are energising and delivering on an incredibly dynamic agenda. That agenda in turn is delivering on the value now and in the future of Ireland's heritage.

This annual report for 2011 describes the work of Council under the headings of Employment,

Education and Awareness, Heritage-based Tourism, and Modern Frameworks and Mechanisms. Details of the range of bodies and networks, referred to as heritage infrastructure, that are assisted by Council are also provided. Details of grants to a range of community groups, organisations, private individuals, and professionals are also set out.

1.1 What do we do?

The Heritage Council was established under the Heritage Act (1995) to 'propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation, and enhancement of the national heritage'.

National heritage is defined in the Act as including: monuments, landscapes, archaeological objects, seascapes, heritage objects, wrecks, architectural heritage, geology, flora, heritage gardens and parks, fauna, inland waterways, wildlife habitats

In particular, the Heritage Act (1995) charges the Heritage Council with the responsibility to:

- promote interest, education, knowledge and pride in, and facilitate the appreciation and enjoyment of the national heritage;
- cooperate with other bodies in the promotion of its functions; and
- promote the coordination of all activities relating to its functions.



Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Jimmy Deenihan, TD, with Heritage Council members, staff and guests during his visit to Council's Headquarters, Kilkenny in May 2011



2. KEY OBJECTIVES

The Heritage Council's Key Objectives are:

- **Supporting Employment**
- **Supporting Education and Awareness**
- **Supporting Heritage-based Tourism**
- **Supporting Modern Frameworks and Mechanisms**

2.1 *Supporting Employment*

The Heritage Council realises the need to contribute to national recovery and to demonstrate how heritage can be a resource for social and economic development.

Heritage Council projects create and support a large number of local and highly skilled jobs. Many of these jobs require knowledge of traditional Irish crafts, modern professional skills, and an understanding of our heritage, such as our habitats, wildlife, and archaeology.

As well as creating jobs directly, the Heritage Council projects support two of the most important sectors in the Irish economy, namely tourism and agriculture. For instance, the vast majority of projects benefit local tourism in a broad range of ways. Our projects attract national and international tourists to areas that previously might have been overlooked. Even if tourism does not result in a direct income to the organisation in question, tourism boosts the local economy through increased trade and spending in local businesses.

Between the Heritage Officer network, the Discovery Programme and National Biodiversity Data Centre, as well as others, funding from the Heritage Council supports approximately 70 jobs in the public and private sectors.

Other notable activities include:

- (i) The Heritage Council provided financial support for three **Biodiversity Officer** posts in Clare, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, and with the Galway County People and Nature Project. These posts support numerous activities with local communities, helping them to look after their heritage.
- (ii) Funding was provided for 19 **Local Biodiversity Action Plan** projects. These include wildlife management, interpretation of natural heritage, management of access to important wildlife sites and community engagement projects.
- (iii) The ongoing implementation of, and provision of support and advice to, the **High Nature Value Farming Programme** culminated in the submission of an application for EU LIFE + funding to deliver the sustainable management and utilisation of the protected wildlife of the Aran Islands, through collaboration with the farming communities, other state agencies and departments, academic institutions and non-governmental organisations. Progress was also made in north Connemara through collaboration with Forum Letterfrack.
- (iv) Financial support for three **Field Monument Advisors** in Fingal, County Galway, and in the Burren to provide advice and support in the management of archaeological monuments in private ownership
- (v) In March 2011 Council organised and hosted a **workshop for archaeologists**. Employment levels in the archaeological profession have been reduced drastically by the recession. The workshop was intended to facilitate the identification of new employment opportunities and to promote networking
- (vi) The Heritage Council submission to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in relation to the **Draft Retail Planning Guidelines** in December 2011 highlighted

the need for a national structure to support the strategic planning, conservation and management of historic town centres to complement work already undertaken by the Heritage Council including the All-Island Irish Walled Towns Network established by the Heritage Council in April 2005.

- (vii) The first ever **Town Centre Health Check (TCHC)** for Kilrush, County Clare, was published in December 2011. The project was undertaken by the Heritage Council in partnership with Clare County Council, Kilrush Town Council and Kilrush Tidy Towns.



Youghal Town Centre

2.2 Supporting Education and Awareness

Heritage in Schools

The Heritage in Schools Scheme is a collaborative project funded by the Heritage Council of Ireland and administered by the Irish National Teachers' Organisation (INTO). The scheme provides an additional educational resource for teachers and supports the stated aims and objectives of the implemented Primary School Curriculum (1999) with regard to pupils' own interaction with their learning.

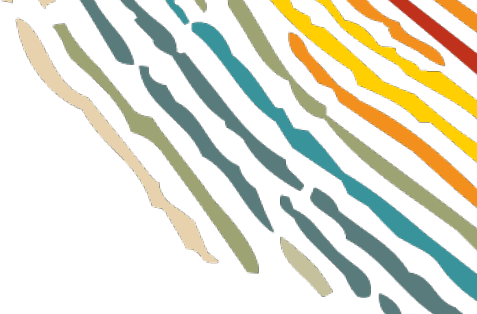
... extend knowledge and understanding of and develop a range of skills and interests in the cultural, historical, geographical and scientific dimensions of the world develop curiosity about, the characteristics of living and non-living things, objects, processes and events ...

(Primary School Curriculum, Government of Ireland, 1999)

A distinguishing mark of the programme is that teachers and pupils are encouraged to leave the classroom and enjoy their local heritage in a practical experiential manner.



Minister for Health James Reilly TD launched the Public Realm Plan for Balbriggan, also present were (Back): Professor Gabriel Cooney, The Heritage Council; Conor Norton, Loci; Minister James Reilly; Daibhi Mac Domhnaill, Loci; Ann-Marie Farrelly, Fingal County Council; Ide De Baitriseil, Balbriggan Town Manager; Gerry Clabby, Heritage Officer. (Front) President of Balbriggan and District Chamber of Commerce, Joe English; Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council, Cllr. Grainne Maguire; and Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Gerry Maguire.



The Heritage in Schools Scheme has gone from strength to strength since it was initiated as a pilot project in 1999 reaching 116,392 children in 2011. This was an increase from 111,662 in 2010. This shows a steady commitment to the scheme from schools which is particularly encouraging given recent budgets cuts to schools who contribute to the costs of visits. Overall the number of children and schools involved in the scheme continues to grow though it is likely that visits will need to be capped next year if budgets are cut.

Heritage Week

Heritage Week continued its upward trend in 2011 and there was an increase in the number of events and in media coverage, particularly in social media streams. Also, outside of the measured PR there is a much stronger online presence that is difficult to track. The following provides some of the topline data on the week and additional feedback and independent analysis will be undertaken in the coming weeks.

General statistics

In 2011, Heritage Week offered a total of 1,460 events, compared to 1,300 events in 2010. The total number of event organisers was 700, an increase of 58 from the previous year. In 2011, 50,000 National Event Guides were printed and distributed, and 58 new organisations and individuals took part in organising events.

Visitor website statistics

During the month of August 2011, the Heritage Council recorded 45,501 visitors to the website. This is a 22% increase on the same period in 2010. There were 33,294 absolute unique visitors to the site in August 2011, again a 20% increase on the same period in 2010.

Social media

Facebook grew significantly. In 2011, Heritage

week recorded 2,500 Facebook friends, which represents an increase of 1,180 friends (or 89%) on 2010. Similarly, Heritage Week had 1,393 Twitter followers in 2011, an increase of 700 (or 100%) on 2010.

iPhone app

For the first time in 2011 Heritage Week developed its own iPhone app that allowed users to download events to their phone free of charge and recorded 956 downloads.

Competitions

- (i) The Heritage Council had over 1,500 entries for 2011's photography competition. Grainne Shaffrey, Eanna Ni Lamhna, Sylvia Thomson, and Gary O' Neill (photographer) selected the final winners.
- (ii) The UK online competition on Countryfile BBC1 website for a break away with Hidden Ireland had 333 responses, which was higher than expected. This was part of a UK online marketing campaign, made possible with funding from Fáilte Ireland.

National Heritage Week volunteers 2011

Volunteers were recruited to promote National Heritage Week in Fáilte Ireland, Shannon Development and Dublin Tourism tourist offices. It was felt that tourists would benefit from support in identifying suitable events in the county and this was supported by Fáilte Ireland. A training day was provided in the Heritage Council and 40 recruits participated.

'Place as Resource' Conference, October 2011

In October 2011 the Heritage Council held a conference in the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin on the theme 'Place as Resource'. The conference was fully booked and provided a forum for a wide range of speakers, ideas, and discussion. Representatives from the World



Bank, the IDA, Crest Foods, Ecorys UK and many others spoke at the event and were very well received. This event helped develop a regional approach to promoting the wider contribution heritage makes to our economy and the public good and a number of seminars have taken place since this event.

Multi-disciplinary Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) Training

The Heritage Council promoted, organised and delivered an award-winning, all-island, multi-disciplinary Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) CPD Training Course in May and September 2011. The two-day residential course was provided in partnership with ten professional institutes (north and south), Clare County Council and the Landscape Observatory of Catalonia, Spain.

The course, which consists of briefings, group exercises and group discussions, focuses on:

- The European Landscape Convention, Faro Convention and the Aarhus Convention
- What is landscape – perceptions of landscape
- Key elements of Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) and Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) – progress in Ireland to date
- Links between LCA/HLC and Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment
- LCA and GIS – the EU INSPIRE Directive
- Irish Habitat Types, Habitat Mapping and LCA/HLC
- Methods and tools for effective public participation in Ireland and Catalonia – ‘barriers’ to participation
- Townscape and Character Appraisal
- Community perspectives on their local landscape
- Course evaluation

To date over 200 people from the public, private and voluntary sectors have completed the multi-disciplinary LCA CPD course. Attendees have travelled from all over Ireland, the UK and Australia. This course has been delivered on a semi-annual basis during an agreed three year period (2009-2011).

Conservation Internship Scheme

This programme supported internships in the conservation departments of Old Library, Trinity College, the National Library of Ireland, the National Gallery of Ireland, and the Chester Beatty Library. The four interns were Elodie Lévêque (National Library of Ireland), Brannah MacKenzie (Trinity College Dublin), Maria Canavan (National Gallery of Ireland) and Rachel Sawicki (Chester Beatty Library). The programme offers recent conservation graduates the possibility of professional workplace experience, within a prestigious institution, while the host institution benefits from the insights into recent training received by the intern. The institution further benefits from an extra member of staff with a range of skills, thus facilitating specific projects not otherwise achievable and assisting in the overall safeguarding of Ireland’s heritage. In turn the recipient gains from quality supervision in a professional institution.

Pilot training course on heritage buildings

Council worked in partnership with Teagasc on a pilot training course on Heritage Buildings for REPS4 participants. Talks on bats, birds and buildings were followed by demonstrations of traditional skills in action. Further training courses will take place in 2012.

The Hill of Tara stained glass window

A magnificent stained glass window celebrating the culture, heritage and amenity value of Tara and its surrounding landscape was welcomed to Kilkenny as part of Heritage Week. The 4th class teachers and pupils of Skyrne National

School, County Meath, designed the window in association with Glasshaus Studio, and Meath County Council, based on the theme of 'My Landscape - People & Places'. Local stained glass specialist, Liam McCorkell and the staff at Glasshaus Studio, Navan, worked alongside the pupils, their teacher Kieran Fanning, and Principal Martin Kennedy. Through a series of design workshops each pupil discussed the Tara landscape and designed a motif or image which captured what it means to them. Glasshaus Studio then worked with the pupils to create the window based on the concepts, ideas, and designs created by the children. Images of monuments and Megalithic art, as seen through the eyes of children, sit beside ice-cream, hot chocolate, swings, and magic trees with fairies.

Archaeological investigations at the Robing Room, Heritage Council headquarters, Kilkenny

The Robing Room is a little-known Neo-Classical garden pavilion in the Close of Saint Canice's Cathedral. It is located within the grounds of the former Episcopal Palace of the Diocese of Ossory, now the headquarters of the Heritage Council, and is considered to have been built around 1758 as a part of a former processional colonnade linking with the entrance to the north transept of the Cathedral. As part of a wider conservation scheme for the Heritage Council's headquarters, repairs to the Robing Room were carried out in 2010-2011. Kilkenny Archaeology was commissioned by the Heritage Council to employ archaeological techniques to study the building with a view to gaining a better understanding of its architectural history and its immediate archaeological context.

As a result of this the sequential development of the building is now better understood and excavations also uncovered debris from a comb manufacturing workshop dating from the pre-Norman period. Archaeological investigations at the Robing Room were open to the public through guided tours in June 2011.



Archaeological investigations at the Robing Room, Heritage Council headquarters, Kilkenny, were open to the public through guided tours in June 2011

Heritage Council website

The figures for the website increased slightly during 2011. From 23 August 2009 to 22 September 2010 visits were 157,743 and absolute unique visits were 97,083. From 23 August 2010 to 22 September 2011 visits were at 160,173 and absolute unique visits were 97,204. Given the lower rates of employment in the sector and the changes taking place around the country it is good to see that the figures for the site have not dropped. The site is updated daily and remains the single most important mechanism for distributing new information on heritage matters to the sector and wider public.

Online newsletter

Twelve newsletters were distributed online in 2011. This newsletter provides support to the sector to promote events, publications, jobs, tenders and much more. It has become a widely used mechanism to bring heritage news to approximately 7,000 subscribers.



Heritage Outlook

Two editions of *Heritage Outlook* were produced in 2011 and were distributed to a wide database of 6,000. In the Winter 2011 issue, contributors included:

- Dr Finbarr Bradley, Lecturer, UCD Smurfit Business School
- Gráinne Millar, Head of Cultural Development, Temple Bar Cultural Trust and founder of Culture Night
- Dr Niamh Hourigan, Lecturer and Head of Graduate Studies in Sociology at University College Cork
- David Geddes, Principal Consultant, Locum Consulting

In the Spring 2011 issue the newly appointed Minister of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht, Jimmy Deenihan, TD, outlined his priorities for Ireland's rich heritage, which he highlights can play a central role in national economic recovery and employment generation.

'In my term of office I will have two key overarching objectives in the heritage area, these are to: promote the role which Ireland's heritage has to play in making Ireland an attractive destination for sustainable tourism and inward investment [and to] ensure that we strengthen the conservation and protection of Ireland's heritage, including through improved compliance with national and EU law.'

Other contributors included:

- Colm Murray, Heritage Council, 'Index to Protected Structures Published Online'
- Ian Doyle, Heritage Council, 'INSTAR: Unlocking the Secrets of Ireland's Archaeological Past'
- Liam Mannix, Heritage Council, 'Monumental Lighting. The use of external lighting on historic structures'
- Isabell Smyth, Heritage Council, 'Running

Free. The importance of children enjoying the outdoors'

- Cliona O'Brien, Heritage Council, 'The Global Biodiversity Strategy – What does it mean for Ireland'

Other notable activities include:

- (i) The Heritage Council publication, the *Best Practice Guidance for Habitat Survey and Mapping*, is now being applied by third-level institutions in their teaching and is available online to download.
- (ii) Support to the BirdWatch Ireland and partners' *Bird Atlas 2007-2011* which will provide up-to-date information on the distribution of birds in Ireland and map trends in their distribution over time.
- (iii) Grants to support research and best practice planning, conservation and management of landscapes (including townscape) and urban morphology were provided under Heritage Council grant programmes.
- (iv) Council's staff continued to contribute to academic programmes including the Masters in Regional and Urban Planning (UCD) on Landscape Management, and the Masters in Landscape Archaeology at UCD.
- (v) Council staff also spoke at Church of Ireland Ossory, Leighlin, Ferns and Cashel Diocesan committee meetings on the benefits of the conservation-led approach to the care of churches.
- (vi) Council also maintained its involvement in the Heritage Contractors' Registration Board, which aims to maintain standards for Heritage Construction Contractors, and the Traditional Building Skills Working Group, which is setting out to develop the availability of skilled construction conservation craftsmen, and the market for their abilities.



A UCD Archaeology Field School excavation and public outreach event held during Heritage Week at the Upper Lake Glendalough – this was supported through the Heritage Council's Heritage, Education and Community Outreach Grants Scheme

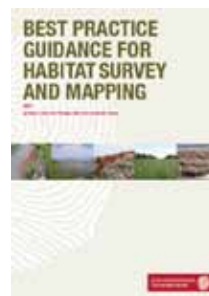
Picnic for Planet Earth Day' Cavan County Museum – Catriona Byrne from Green Bee Education takes children on a welly-wander around Cavan County Museum. Conor Newman, Chairman, The Heritage Council, with Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Jimmy Deenihan TD, prior to the start of Council's 'Place as Resource' Conference in October 2011



Stained glass specialist, Liam McCorkell with the 4th class pupils of Skryne National School, their teacher Kieran Fanning and Principal Martin Kennedy, along with Ian Doyle, Head of Conservation, the Heritage Council, and Loretto Guinan, Heritage Officer, Meath County Council



Bramble and bracken encroachment on High Nature Value Farmland and breen, Aran Islands, 2011



The Heritage Council's 2011 publication Best Practice Guidance for Habitat Survey and Mapping



Julianstown VDS Steering Group celebrate short-listing of 'National Pilot' for IPI Awards (L to R) Jill Chadwick, Conservation Officer, Meath County Council; Wendy Bagnall, Senior Planner, Meath County Council; Eimear Dolphin, Chairperson, Julianstown Steering Group; Tom Dowling, County Manager Meath County Council; Claire Burke, Julianstown Steering Group; Leo Monaghan, Julianstown Steering Group; and Alison Harvey, Planning & Development Officer, The Heritage Council.





Pictured at the 'Place as Resource' Conference in The Royal College of Physicians in October are (L to R) Conor Newman, Chairman, Heritage Council; Dr. Tom O'Dwyer, former Chairman, The Heritage Council; Ruth Delany, former Heritage Council member; Olivia O'Leary radio and television presenter; and Michael Starrett, Chief Executive, The Heritage Council.



Mr Conor Newman, Chairman, and Isabell Smyth, Head of Communications, The Heritage Council, with the winners of the Best Interactive Event competition during Heritage Week 2011, for their Water Open Day Event organised by Marvyn Horgan, Lifetime Lab, Lee Road, Cork

2.3 Supporting Heritage-based Tourism

Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI)

The Heritage Council has been promoting the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland for six years. In 2011 fifty museums and galleries from all over Ireland participated in the programme representing a wide breadth of collections and organisation types. Their collections, presented for the public benefit, show the diversity of stories being interpreted through objects for both local and international visitors. Responses from an internal evaluation of participants in 2011 found that the programme has raised employee morale, enhanced professionalism in museum management, significantly increased understanding of the condition of collections, improved collections care, and improved the level of training related to collections care management. A significant majority of respondents indicated that the programme had enhanced their understanding of visitors' requirements and the visitor experience offered through exhibitions.

MSPI accreditation update

On 29 June 2011, following a rigorous assessment process, the Minister of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs Jimmy Deenihan, TD, awarded Museum Standards Programme for Ireland Accreditation Certificates to nine more institutions, bringing the total number of accredited sites in the Museums Standards Programme for Ireland to twenty-one.

- Donegal County Museum, Farmleigh OPW, and The GAA Museum were awarded Full Accreditation.
- The Lewis Glucksman Gallery, Drogheda Museum Millmount, Rothe House Museum, and The Museum of Free Derry were awarded Interim Accreditation. Drogheda Museum Millmount and Rothe House are the first volunteer-run museums to achieve accreditation.

- The National Gallery of Ireland and Muckross House, Muckross Traditional Farms and Muckross Research Library were the first sites to achieve Full Accreditation in 2007. In 2011 they received certificates confirming Maintenance of Full Accreditation.
- At the end of 2011 a further three museums applied for Full Accreditation and one applied for Interim Accreditation. The outcomes of these applications will be announced in 2012.

MSPI training update:

The following MSPI workshops were organised in 2011

- Strategic Management Planning
- Collection, Disposal and Loan Policies
- Visitor Profiling: gathering visitor statistics – with Fáilte Ireland
- Writing a Caring for Collections Policy – with the Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works in Ireland (ICHAWI)
- Pest Management – with ICHAWI and Zoological Museum Curator
- Exhibition Interpretation: writing messages and choosing media – with Fáilte Ireland
- Financial Planning
- Visitor Profiling: managing and interpreting statistics – with Fáilte Ireland
- Caring for Collections: environmental monitoring and collection assessment – with ICHAWI

The programme also offered a number of bursaries to part-fund MSPI Participant staff and volunteers to complete modules in the University of Ulster PG Diploma Course in Museum Practice and Management.



Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Jimmy Deenihan, TD, presenting members of Farmleigh Museum with a certificate for achieving Full Accreditation standard



Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Jimmy Deenihan, TD, presenting members of The Donegal County Museum with a certificate for achieving Full Accreditation standard



Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Jimmy Deenihan, TD, presenting members of The GAA Museum with a certificate for achieving Full Accreditation standard; also in the photo, Michael Starrett, Chief Executive, The Heritage Council



Other notable activities include:

- (i) The establishment of **Roscrea Collaborative Public Realm Plan – Town Centre Enhancement Project** in December 2011 in partnership with North Tipperary County Council (County Manager and Heritage Officer), Roscrea Chamber of Commerce, Roscrea Tidy Towns, and the local community.
- (ii) Short-listing of community-led *Julianstown Village Design Statement* (VDS) (National ‘Pilot’ for community-led Village Design Statements) by the Irish Planning Institute (IPI), National Planning Awards, November 2011.
- (iii) Ministerial launch of the **Balbriggan Collaborative Public Realm Plan**, The ‘Heart’ of Balbriggan, by Minister James Reilly, TD, in October 2011, undertaken by the Heritage Council in partnership with Fingal County Council, Balbriggan Town Council, Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce, and the local community.
- (iv) Ministerial launch of community-led *Sandymount Village Design Statement* by Minister Jimmy Deenihan, TD, in September 2011. The Sandymount VDS is the urban ‘Pilot VDS’ for Dublin City and was undertaken by the Heritage Council in partnership with the Sandymount residents and Dublin City Council.
- (v) In May-July 2011, the Heritage Council liaised with LEADER/Meath Partnership in relation to the use of the community-led *Julianstown Village Design Statement* (VDS) as a ‘Model’ for **Meath Partnership’s Village Renaissance Programme**.
- (vi) **Kilkenny Central Access Scheme (revised scheme, January 2011)** – detailed submission to An Bord Pleanála in April 2011 in relation to the infrastructural proposal focusing on the impact on historic landscapes/ streetscape and architectural character, visual impact and the need to consider alternative travel demand management measures.
- (vii) **N2 Slane Bypass** (proposed dual carriageway scheme). Council made a detailed submission on this proposed road development to An Bord Pleanála highlighting issues such as traffic management in Slane and the potential impact on the adjacent Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site.
- (viii) Management plan for the **Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site**. The plan, which is being drafted by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht sought input from a range of stakeholders. The Heritage Council is represented on the steering group.
- (ix) **King John’s Castle, Limerick** – the Heritage Council advised consultants acting on behalf of Shannon Development as to best practice in drafting a Conservation Plan for this important Anglo-Norman castle in Limerick City. This was a follow up from Heritage Council’s successful meeting in Limerick in June 2011.
- (x) **Hill of Tara Conservation Plan** – Council advocated the need for a Conservation Plan for the Hill of Tara State owned lands. The need for this was identified during the proposed Landscape Conservation Area project. This will be completed during 2012 by the Discovery Programme.

- (xi) The Heritage Council advocated the heritage value of Dublin through a detailed submission and in the course of an oral hearing into the proposed development of the **Children's' Hospital of Ireland** on the site of the Mater Hospital.
- (xii) A detailed written submission was prepared in August 2011 in relation to the emerging **Donegal County Development Plan 2012-2018**. The Heritage Council liaised with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and Donegal County Council in relation to the submission and the issues highlighted.
- (xiii) A detailed written submission was prepared in April 2011 in relation to the emerging **Meath County Development Plan 2012-2018** including a report and project managing of a 'Pilot' GIS Village Design Statement Report to identify suitable villages for the preparation and delivery of community-led Village Design Statements during the lifetime of the County Development Plan.
- (xiv) The Heritage Council continued its involvement on the board of the **Rothe House Trust**. This comes at a critical time as the Trust engages in the presentation of Rothe House as a Renaissance Irish merchant's house visitors' attraction.



Purple milk vetch, *Astragalus danicus*, on high nature value farmland, Inis Mór, Aran Islands, May 2011

2.4 *Supporting Modern Frameworks and Mechanisms*

Coastal Heritage Map Viewer

This is a web-based spatial data viewer which focuses on heritage around Ireland and off shore. The viewer acts as a 'one stop shop' or a discovery tool, as it provides access to heritage data along with contextual data from a very wide range of sources (see section on data). In 2011 the number of partners rose to eight, including Galway County Council, Galway City Council, Clare County Council, Limerick County Council, Kerry County Council, Waterford County Council, Wicklow County Council, and Fingal County Council. During 2011 the partners concentrated on exploring the potential applications of this viewer with colleagues in planning, and community services. It has been found to be very helpful in relation to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA), especially for scoping, and examining potential cumulative impacts. It has assisted in scoping out potential tourism product focused on heritage. It has been identified as a core tool in scoping an integrated framework plan between three local authorities.

Irish Archives Resource (www.iar.ie)

The Irish Archives Resource (IAR) is a portal web site that will enable researchers/users to search for publicly accessible archival collections that are located in Ireland. The IAR is funded by the Heritage Council of Ireland and is supported by the Archives and Records Association (Ireland). The IAR consists of an online database which contains searchable archival descriptions that are created in accordance with national archival guidelines and international archival standards, with web links from each descriptive entry to repository home pages, detailed item level finding aids, databases, or digital objects.

The collections now available online consist of both original and unique records and documents in a variety of forms including textual, visual, cartographic, aural, and electronic. The collections include records of *Cork City and County Archives*, *Donegal County Archives*, *Fingal County Archives*, *Galway County Council Archives*, *Guinness Archives*, *Irish Film Archive*, *Louth County Archives Service*, *NUI Galway John Hardiman Library Archives*, *Public Record Office of Northern Ireland*, *Royal College of Physicians of Ireland*, *University College Cork Boole Library Archives*, and *Waterford County Archives Service*.

Prior to the launch of this new website researchers, whether professional academics, local historians or genealogists, would have had to contact each repository separately to find out details of their archival holdings. Now, using this website, they can enter their search terms on the site and details of where relevant material is preserved will appear. A web link will also be provided to each repository's web site. The website was officially launched on 28 February 2011 by Grainne Shaffrey of the Heritage Council.

Valuation of the public value of the landscape, habitat and species, and cultural heritage – provided by the Coillte estate

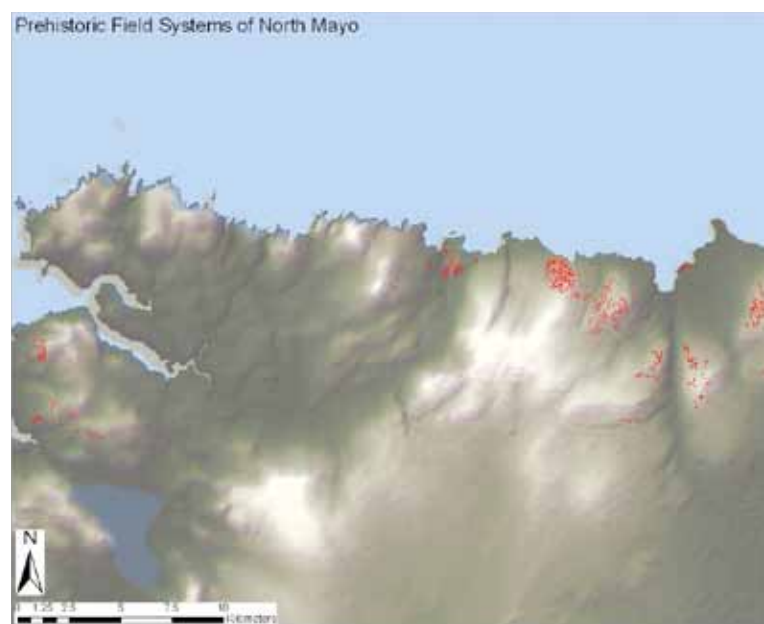
The Heritage Council worked with Coillte Teoranta to commission a study to determine the value that the Irish public place on three public goods provided by the Coillte estate:

- The forest landscape provided by Coillte's management of its forest estate
- The habitats and species (biodiversity / nature conservation) provided by the Coillte estate
- The protection and management of monuments, protected structures and other cultural features throughout the Coillte estate ¹

Irish National Strategic Archaeological Research (INSTAR) Programme

Established in 2008, the INSTAR Programme was developed to ensure that the huge amounts of archaeological work undertaken during the economic boom (roads and other infrastructure, housing, industrial developments etc) were translated into knowledge about Ireland's past. During the 'Celtic Tiger' period Ireland experienced one of the largest campaigns of archaeological excavation ever undertaken in any European country. The INSTAR Programme seeks to bring private sector and university based archaeologists together to work more closely and to use new and innovative, technology.

Results from three years of INSTAR funded archaeological research were presented and discussed at a conference in Dublin on 30 September 2011. Speaking on the day, Professor Przemyslaw Urbanczyk of the Polish Academy of Sciences described INSTAR as a model for other countries to follow.



The 2011 INSTAR funded project Neolithic and Bronze Age landscapes of North Mayo based in UCD succeeded in mapping all surveys of prehistoric field systems recorded on the North Mayo coastal area

¹ The term 'habitats and species' is used in this report, and in the survey on which it is based. The focus groups revealed that this term is more easily understood by the public than 'biodiversity'

EU Joint Programme Initiative on Cultural Heritage

In 2011 Council became involved in the development of an EU-funded project to assess priority areas for cultural heritage research across Europe. This is formally entitled the Joint Programme Initiative on Cultural Heritage and Global Change: a new challenge for Europe (JPICH). The Heritage Council's participation in the JPICH occurs through the vehicle of the Joint Heritage European Programme (JHEP), which is a co-ordination action in support of the JPICH, funded by the European Commission under the FP7 Framework Programme for research.

The JHEP working group is composed of 12 EU Member States (or Associated Countries): Italy, UK, Netherlands, Cyprus, Turkey, France, Ireland, Belgium, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Spain. Each of these countries is responsible for a specific work package and Italy is the overall project co-ordinator. Ireland's contribution to JHEP is managed by the Heritage Council, which has been given responsibility for Work Package 6 (Communications) including the production of a communications strategy, the identification of key stakeholders, the dissemination of information about the JPICH, and the management of www.heritageportal.eu.



Laois County Council produced a publication on historic thatch as part of its County Heritage Plan which is co-funded by the Heritage Council. Pictured at the launch in October 2011 were John Bonham, Cathaoirleach, Laois County Council; Mr Jimmy Deenihan, TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht; Peter Carey, County Manager, Laois County Council; Gerry Maher, County Librarian; Michael Starrett, CEO the Heritage Council, and Mary Ann Williams, co-author

Other notable activities include:

- (i) The Heritage Council provided ongoing support and management to the **National Biodiversity Data Centre**, which facilitates access to biodiversity information for decision-makers. There are now almost 2 million biodiversity records on the Data Centre's system. Extensive preparations for the development of the Phase II (2012-2017) contracting procedure are underway. Further details are available at www.biodiversityireland.ie.
- (ii) Council completed the '**Quanta** Research Project', part-funded by the Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015 to progress Action 18 – 'Carry out an analysis of the operation and efficiency of existing grant-aid ... programmes supporting architectural heritage protection'. The research documents the economic and wider social value of grant-giving to support building conservation.
- (iii) Council participated in the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht initiated **Expert Advisory Committee on the Architectural Heritage** and Part IV of the **Planning and Development Acts**. In fulfilling this role, Council also provided, for the first time since the introduction of comprehensive legislation to protect the architectural heritage in 1999, an estimate of the total number of protected structures in Ireland, and a web-based index to the Records of Protected Structures in each planning authority.
- (iv) Council submitted a review of the Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the **Off-Shore Renewable Energy Development Plan (OREDPP)**. This focused on a need for seascape assessment as part of landscape character assessment and the need



for a national and regional landscape character assessments as a robust and reliable 'baseline' for SEA in Ireland. The submission also examined the impact on marine ecology and the overall SEA process.

- (v) Council also contributed to the review of the **Irish Heritage Trust**, proposing that its remit be extended to include properties of all forms of heritage value.
- (vi) Throughout 2011, the Heritage Council was in on-going discussions with the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** in relation to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA), including the recent inclusion of landscape assessment in the EPA's overall SEA scoping document. Regular meetings took place between the EPA and the Heritage Council in relation to planning and biodiversity matters, including participation on the EPA's Steering Group for the development of a streamlined Integrated Biodiversity Impact Assessment that will deliver EIA, SEA and AA.
- (vii) Participation in the **Teagasc Agri-Environment Stakeholders Group**, as well as meetings with NPWS and Department of Agriculture to further the consideration of wildlife matters in agricultural policy, particularly with regard to High Nature Value Farming.
- (viii) Council participated in the ongoing development of potential policy advice on **High Nature Value Farming** in preparation for the Common Agricultural Policy post-2013. This has benefited from the participation of numerous stakeholders in the Advisory Group for Council and the European Forum for Nature Conservation and Pastoralism's High Nature Value Farming Project, including government departments, state agencies, non-governmental organisations, local authorities, farming communities and organisations, and community organisations.
- (ix) Council contributed a submission to the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on the development of the **National Peatland Strategy** and to the Departmental review of the resolution of peatland archaeology in Ireland.
- (x) Council helped to mobilise an application for **EU LIFE + funding** to deliver the sustainable management and utilisation of the protected wildlife of the Aran Islands, through collaboration with the farming communities and others. The results of the application are still awaited.
- (xi) The Heritage Council prepared a detailed response to the **National Landscape Strategy (NLS) – Issues Paper**, submitted to the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in November 2011.
- (xii) The Heritage Council produced a review of the **Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Off-Shore Renewable Energy Development Plan (OREDPP)** in February 2011. This focused on a need for seascape assessment as part of landscape character assessment and the need for national and regional landscape character assessments as a robust and reliable 'baseline' for SEA in Ireland. The submission also examined the impact on marine ecology and the overall SEA process.

3. *HERITAGE COUNCIL MEETING IN LIMERICK, JUNE 2011*

As a national organisation the Heritage Council endeavours to hold at least one meeting outside Kilkenny every year. Such visits raise the national profile of the Heritage Council and develop partnership arrangements between the Heritage Council and regional bodies. The Heritage Council was invited by Limerick City Council to visit Limerick City in June 2011. The Heritage Council gratefully accepted this invitation for its June meeting. The Hunt Museum graciously hosted the Heritage Council meeting in the historic Captain's Room. The meeting was followed by site visits which focused on the interaction between heritage and urban and social regeneration.



Mr. Conor Newman, Chairman of the Heritage Council, and Dr Hugh Maguire, Director of the Hunt Museum, during Council's visit in June

Visits were undertaken to the Hunt Museum, the Jim Kemmy Municipal Museum, King John's Castle, St Mary's Cathedral, and Limerick Milkmarket. Discussions took place with relevant authorities such as Limerick City Council, Limerick Regeneration and the University of Limerick. Cllr. Maria Byrne, Mayor of Limerick hosted a Mayoral Reception for the Heritage Council at Limerick City Hall. Dinner was hosted by the Heritage Council and a lecture on Urban and Social Regeneration was presented by Dr Niamh Hourigan, Sociologist, Media Contributor and Lecturer in Sociology at University College Cork.



Mr. Conor Newman, Chairman of the Heritage Council making a presentation to Mr. Tom Mackey, Limerick City Manager in honor of Council's trip to Limerick



Heritage Council members and Heritage Council staff at Council's meeting in Limerick in June 2011

4. INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

4.1 Discovery Programme

The Discovery Programme has a reputation as one of Europe's leading centres for archaeological research, technological innovation in areas such as landscape survey, laser scanning and IT. 2011 was the twentieth year of the Discovery Programme. The event was marked in May by a presentation of a LIDAR image of the Boyne Valley to Professor George Eogan who is credited as the archaeologist who initiated the idea for the organisation.

The Discovery Programme and Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland jointly arranged an open-house event on Saturday 27 August as part of Heritage Week, which coincided with the Festival of Squares. The Discovery Programme organised a stand in Merrion Square to demonstrate some of the technology in use in archaeological research. The Discovery Programme also participated in Culture Night.

Conservation Plan for the Hill of Tara

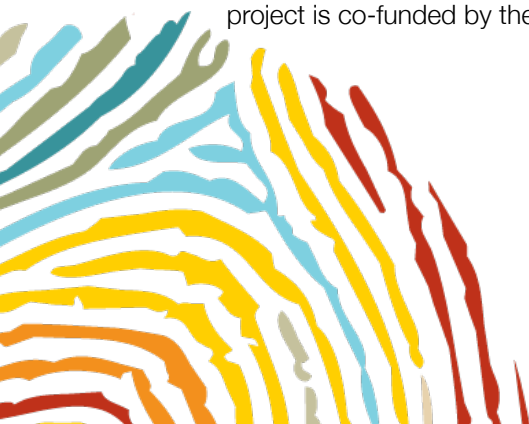
The Discovery Programme was commissioned by the Minister of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to prepare a Conservation Plan for the Hill of Tara. Since its inception in 1991 the Discovery Programme has been, almost continuously, conducting research on the Hill of Tara and its environs, and into the ancient and modern history of the site, its associated kingship, cultural significance and role in Irish affairs. Given this history of research, the Discovery Programme was well suited to lead the preparation of a Conservation Plan for this important monument complex and its associated landscape. The Discovery Programme commenced work on the plan in association with Howley Hayes Architects late in 2011. This project is co-funded by the Heritage Council.

Late Iron Age and Roman Ireland Project (LIARI)

After a considerable consultation process over three years involving archaeologists and other specialists from museums, government departments and universities, in late 2010 the Discovery Programme commissioned three scoping documents to help identify key priorities for a comprehensive investigation of the Irish Iron Age. Based on the growing body of data collated through a decade of excavation around Ireland, the project authors identified several key components that warranted further detailed investigation: targeted palaeo-environmental research to re-assess the local and regional evidence for the lacuna in agrarian farming known as the 'Iron Age Lull'; an assessment of the archaeology in the periods of transition into the later Iron Age and into the Early Medieval period; and a complete reconsideration of the interaction of communities in Ireland with the Roman administration in the western provinces. Arising from cuts in funding it decided that all three areas could be investigated within one project. The Late Iron Age and Roman Ireland Project (LIARI) commenced in 2011, initially as an 18 month pilot module but with the expectation that this will extend for a further period.

ArchaeoLandscapes

Throughout 2011 the Discovery Programme continued to participate within the Culture 2007 funded project ArchaeoLandscapes. This network of collaborative partners using and promoting the use of remote sensing within archaeology has grown from an initial twenty-seven partners to more than fifty partners from across Europe. In addition several additional Irish partners have been added including Dundalk Institute of Technology, University of Ulster, Coleraine, and Landscape & Geophysical Services.





3D-ICONS

In an effort to diversify funding sources for the Discovery Programme a great effort was made to secure additional European FP7 funding. In 2011 the Discovery Programme was successful in securing €190,000 funding for a three year project, entitled 3D-ICONS, which will focus on the 3D documentation of UNESCO World Heritage monuments and other monuments of outstanding value at European level. Over the following three years Discovery Programme staff will capture and model in 3D a range of iconic Irish monument and artefacts to millimetre accuracy using an assortment of technologies including laser scanning and photogrammetry. Once created, 3D models can be used for a range of heritage activities, including: visualisation and virtual reconstruction, tourism and promotion and conservation and management.

The project will make an unprecedented quantity of high-quality 3D models accessible through the Europeana website, presenting well-organised and attractive information about the masterpieces of European architecture and archaeology. The sites to be surveyed here include: Skellig Michael, Dún Aonghasa, Brú na Bóinne and Glendalough.

During 2011 the Discovery Programme strengthened its relationship with state bodies by assisting with the technical survey of several sites. This included working with the National Monuments Service of the OPW to undertake the 3D recording of a selection of the Clocha Breaca, decorated 'cursing' stones from the early medieval church site on Inishmurray, County Sligo. The objective was to generate 3D data at an appropriate accuracy and resolution to enable surface models to be generated showing the subtle carved designs on the stones.

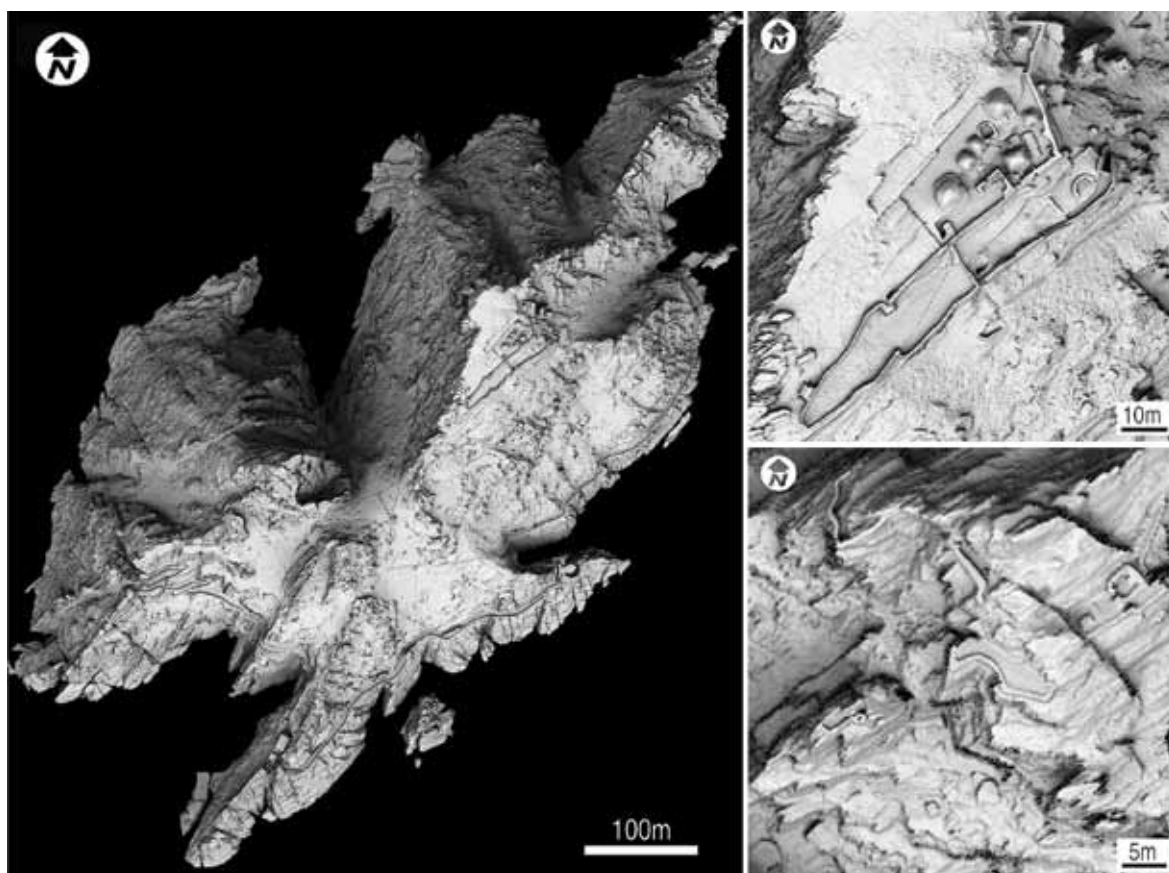
Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR)

The use of high resolution Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) within archaeological surveys continues to grow within Ireland following the pioneering survey of Hill of Tara by the Discovery Programme over five years ago. The Discovery Programme collaborated with both the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and the DAHG in the processing and visualisation of LIDAR data for archaeological sites. During 2011 the LIDAR survey of Skellig Michael (DoAHG) was completed by fully processing the data and generating various visualisations using innovative shading techniques. The Discovery Programme also assisted the Northern Ireland Environment Agency in the production of a LIDAR survey of Clogher Hillfort, County Tyrone.

Personnel

Dr Michael Ryan who had served two terms as Chairman of the Discovery Programme, (2001-2006 and 2006-2011), retired from office on 14 January 2011. A new Directorate (board) came into office on 15 January 2011, the newly appointed members were Prof. T. Barry (Chairman), Mr C. Bourke, Ms M. Cahill, Mr I. Doyle, Mr C. Manning, Dr R. Moss, Dr E. O'Brien, Dr T. Ó Carragáin and Dr G. Warren. The Discovery Programme was very pleased to welcome Mr Jimmy Deenihan, TD, Minister of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on Wednesday 22 June, 2011. The Minister was given a guided tour of the Discovery Programme offices in 63 Merrion Square and was introduced to members of the directorate and staff.

Recruitment for a Principal Investigator took place over the summer of 2011 and the successful candidate Dr Jacqueline Cahill Wilson, formerly of the University of Bristol, took up her post at the start of September. Dr Ger Dowling, formerly of NUI Galway, joined the team as Research Archaeologist at the beginning of December and the research has moved rapidly



The Discovery Programme collaborated with the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in the processing of LIDAR data for the World Heritage Site of Skellig Michael, County Kerry; this was completed by fully processing the data and generating various visualisations using innovative shading techniques

with early results proving very successful.

4.2 *National Biodiversity Data Centre*

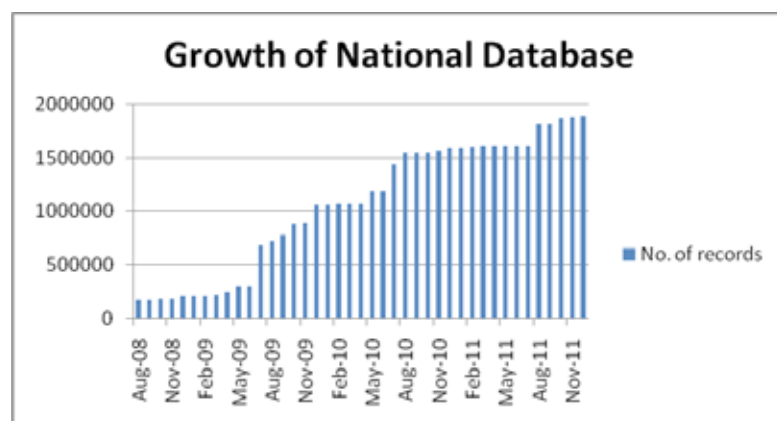
The National Biodiversity Data Centre has established itself as one of Europe's leading centres for the management and mobilisation of biodiversity data. It has a core annual budget of just over €500,000 (VAT inclusive) per year. This core funding has been used to leverage further project-specific funding from seven sources, but principally from state agencies or government departments in Ireland and Northern Ireland. It currently employs seven full-time and one part-time staff, and has provided short-term project-specific contracts to seventeen research officers and ecologists. It has run two biodiversity internships, supports two post-graduate

studentships and has provided work placements for six third-level students.

The National Biodiversity Data Centre is an initiative of the Heritage Council and is operated under a service level agreement by Compass Informatics. The Centre is funded by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the Heritage Council.

The shared-service provided by the Centre to data providers is availed of by nine state bodies, seventeen conservation NGOs or scientific societies, all of the main academic institutions and most of Ireland's leading expert recorders from the professional and voluntary sector.

The on-line data portal, available at www.biodiversityireland.ie, has just over 200 fully registered users, and received on average 1,300 visits per month in 2011. Three quarters of all visits to the site are from Irish users with a further 10% coming from Britain, but users from 97 different countries have visited the site. The high average site visit duration of almost six minutes indicates that there are regular in-depth users of the system. The Centre's home page averaged over 7,000 hits per month in 2011, with 2,723 alone on the busiest day. These statistics demonstrate a high and sustained usage of the on-line services provided by the Data Centre, which is highly satisfactory given its nature and operational phase.

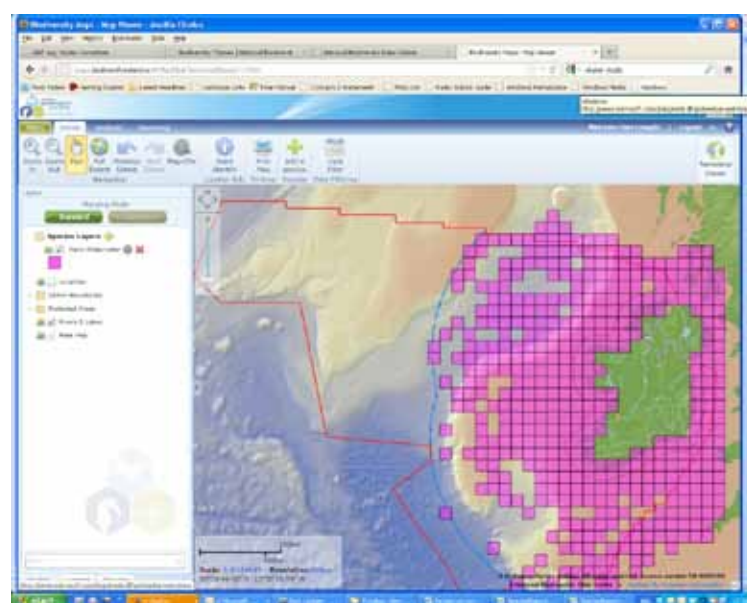


Growth of the National Biodiversity Database

The National Biodiversity Data Centre has made significant progress in meeting the five commitments that lie at the heart of the government's programme of public sector reform namely:

- Placing customer service at the core of everything it does
- Maximising new and innovative service delivery channels
- Reducing costs to drive better value for money
- Leading, organising and working in new ways and
- Focusing on implementation and delivery

In meeting the needs of the wide range of communities it serves, including the biological recording, scientific, education and public, the Data Centre is acutely aware of the need to make the data it holds relevant and accessible for as wide a range of uses as possible. In merging its biodiversity data work with cutting edge information and mapping technologies, an emphasis has not only been placed on quantitative analysis but increasingly on the qualitative and applied use of the data for a wide range of research, policy and decision-making processes.



Marine and terrestrial biodiversity data can be mapped for the entire Irish territory



4.3 Wicklow Uplands Council

In 2011 the Council engaged in consultation with its members, project partners and stakeholders to identify a clear road map for the future of the organisation through the development of a Strategic Plan 2011-2013. Arising from this Mission statement of the Wicklow Uplands Council is:

'To support the sustainable use of the Wicklow uplands through consensus and partnership with those who live, work and recreate there'

The process identified the key challenges facing the Wicklow uplands and the Uplands Council and listed four priorities for action:

- (i) Engagement tasks to build consensus
- (ii) Represent uplands shared interests
- (iii) Development of innovative projects to support upland sustainability
- (iv) Organisational development and implementation of communication strategy

The Board of the Council is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress is assessed twice per year using a series of performance indicators. In 2011, the Council focused on projects which make a clear contribution to the development of the shared vision of the Uplands Council. Three of these projects are outlined below:

A participatory approach to managing upland habitats

Throughout Ireland, as in Wicklow, traditional hill sheep farming is in decline. In addition, uncontrolled wildfires threaten the conservation status of the Natura 2000 sites including designated SACs and SPAs and pose a serious

threat to forestry and private upland properties and public safety.

In response to the challenges facing the uplands, cross-community discussions have been taking place in Wicklow over the last two years to develop a new consensus-based approach to upland management which will seek both to restore biodiversity and support a recovery in upland farming. In 2010, a series of well attended public meetings facilitated by Wicklow Uplands Council (WUC) and Irish Uplands Forum (IUF) led to the establishment of a working group with representation from local and national stakeholders including NPWS, Teagasc and local farmers. More recently farmers in the Cooley and Comeragh Mountains committed to participating in the project.

The Working Group met throughout 2011 to listen to the needs of upland farmers and upland ecologists and to identify a consensus based approach to managing the uplands. The group is now seeking funding support from the EU LIFE Nature Programme to carry out a project which will investigate the impacts of management practices and identify those which are optimum for upland biodiversity and farming.

Protecting Upland and Rural Environments (PURE)

As original partners in the PURE Project 'Protecting Uplands Rural Environments', Wicklow Uplands Council continue to work with Wicklow County Council, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Coillte to provide a single, well-resourced response to littering and dumping in the Wicklow/Dublin Uplands. Wicklow Uplands Council employs the PURE Project Manager, provides administrative and operational support to the project and represents private landowners on the Project Management Committee.

To date PURE has received over 3,700 reports of illegal dumping resulting in over 3,600 collections and the removal of approximately 1,500 tonnes of rubbish from the landscape. The project operates a lo-call number for residents to report fly-tipping (1850 365 121) and has helped to bring fly-tippers and bogus waste collectors before the courts. The project has introduced a number of enforcement, preventative and educational initiatives including the introduction of 'The PURE Mile' competition in 2010 with unprecedented success.

'The PURE Mile' competition encourages communities in County Wicklow to keep a mile stretch of road (approx. 1.6 km), and the immediate environment litter/rubbish free. Regular collecting of litter, repairing and painting of traditional gates, retaining stone walls and stiles, identifying and researching local heritage and the local folklore of the area benefit both the local people and the local environment. Over seventeen communities and groups have already participated in the competition which has encouraged the formation of many new voluntary community groups throughout County Wicklow.

Working with communities to promote local heritage

Over the past five years Wicklow Uplands Council has worked with a number of local communities to develop a network of interpretative panels which promote and raise awareness on the natural and built heritage in towns and villages throughout County Wicklow. This project is a partnership between village communities, Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Uplands Council with a strong emphasis on community participation.

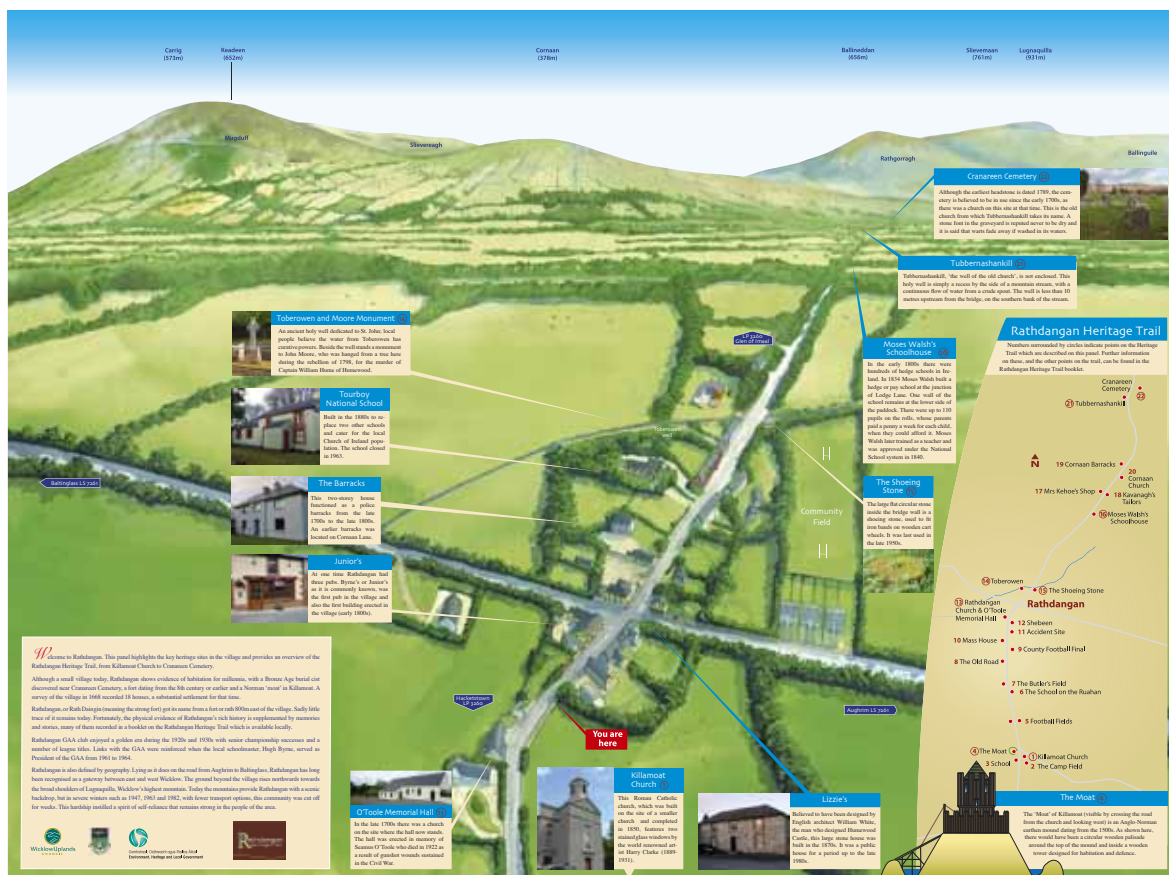
Interpretative panels have already been developed in Aughrim, Blessington, Dunlavin, Laragh, Rathdrum and Roundwood, and panels for Kilmacanogue, Rathdangan and Newtownmountkennedy are also nearing completion. Two new panels for Enniskerry and Tinahely are in the early stages of development and are due for completion by July 2012. This project has assisted local communities in identifying their unique heritage and promoting it to visitors and people living in the area. It also facilitates the development of town/village heritage trails which could be developed as a second phase of the project.

To date the project has received funding from the Heritage Council, the former Department for Environment, Heritage and Local Government and County Wicklow Partnership (Leader). Local communities also contribute to the cost of each panel. Given ongoing funding, the Uplands Council looks forward to extending the network of interpretative panels in cooperation with local communities.





Sample Village Interpretative Panel



Village Interpretative Panel for Rathdangan

4.4 *Woodlands of Ireland*

2011 was a challenging year for Woodlands of Ireland (Wol) due to financial constraints, yet positive progress was made in the native woodland sector. In particular, the deer management issue that Wol has been advocating since 2008 has received a lot of attention with a national conference held in Athlone in April, which was followed by the Forest Service issuing policy document for public consultation late in the year. The report that Wol commissioned on deer damage, which was finalised in 2010, has certainly been a catalyst towards current initiatives.

The afforestation element of the Native Woodland Scheme (NWS), which concerns the establishment of new native woodlands was revamped and launched in August with considerable input from Woodlands of Ireland. It has also been tailored to meet the requirements of sensitive sites, especially those adjacent to rivers, streams and lakes. Wol continued its attempts to secure funding for NWS Element 1 – Native Woodland Conservation, through ongoing participation on the Forestry Liaison Group in 2011 but with limited success. A meeting took place with the new Minister with responsibility for Forestry, Shane McAntee, TD, at a number of NWS sites in County Wicklow in November to highlight the need for further funding. There is some hope of securing limited funds for Element 1 in 2012 especially for sensitive sites adjacent watercourses.

2011 saw a ten year celebration of the People's Millennium Forest Project (PMF), this also coincided with International Year of the Forests. Woodlands of Ireland was part of the management group established by Coillte that oversaw this work, which entailed the development of new signage for all PMF sites, promotional activities, media events and training for site managers. Further training courses in woodland fungi identification and woodland management also took place.

Detailed submissions were made to the Heritage Council relating to its new five year strategy and to the National Landscape Strategy. It is hoped that this will inform future landscape planning and development.

Woodlands of Ireland became a Company Limited by Guarantee in 2011.



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4.5 *Irish Walled Towns Network*

The Irish Walled Towns Network was established by The Heritage Council in 2005 and currently comprises 23 walled towns and villages throughout Ireland. These are Ardee, Athenry, Athlone, Bandon, Carlingford, Carrickfergus, Cashel, Clonmel, Cork, Derry, Drogheda, Dublin, Fethard, Galway, Kilkenny, Kilmallock, Limerick, New Ross, Rinn Duin, Trim, Waterford, Wexford and Youghal.

The role of the Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN) is to unite and co-ordinate the strategic efforts of local authorities involved in the planning, management, conservation and enhancement of historic walled towns in Ireland, both North and South.



Capital conservation work

In 2011, the IWTN provided €604,000 for the conservation of Ireland's medieval Town Walls. In total, ten projects were supported. While the main objective was to ensure that these fascinating monuments did not collapse, all the projects have a tangible tourism benefit.

Rindoon/Rinn Dúin

Rinn Dúin in County Roscommon is a largely unknown abandoned medieval town located on a peninsula jutting out into Lough Ree. Last year, the IWTN granted €120,000 for the conservation of the unique town walls. In 2011, visitor numbers went from almost zero to around 6,500.



Completed conservation work at Rindoon

Talbot's Tower, Kilkenny

Over the last four years the IWTN has heavily supported the work of Kilkenny Borough Council in the conservation of the impressive Talbot's Tower. The tower is to be the centrepiece of a new archaeological pocket park. In 2011, the conservation work was finally completed. Once open, the park will add significantly to the tourism infrastructure of the city by permitting visitors the opportunity to get a 'thirteenth century view' of Ireland's best preserved medieval city.



Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Mr Jimmy Deenihan, TD, with Minister's Hogan and Hayes at the completion ceremony of Talbot's Tower conservation work in November 2011.

Education/conferences

The ongoing professional development of IWTN members and community volunteers is a key element of the IWTN's strategy. In 2011 there was one conference, two training days, and three lectures. The lectures and conferences have focused on: heritage interpretation, festival marketing, festival project management, and community group organisation.



Colm Croffy of Association of Irish Festival Events (AOIFE) delivering a Festival Marketing Training Day at the Custom House, Dublin on behalf of the IWTN

Kilkenny Arts Week medieval graffiti

During the 2011 Kilkenny Arts Week the IWTN commissioned an artist to create seventeen large art pieces that were dispersed throughout the city. Conducted in a graffiti style the images were designed to challenge people's viewpoint about life during the medieval period.

Comparisons being made between a medieval and twenty-first century recession





These princesses were amongst the 3,500 people who attended Fethard's Walled Towns Day 2011

Irish Walled Towns Day

Festivals have been at the core of IWTN work since 2005. In 2011, €68,000 was provided to 14 medieval themed festivals. The events are organised by the local communities with support from the IWTN. Overall, more than 42,000 people attended the various Walled Towns Days. All the festivals depend on the IWTN for the vast majority of their funding.

4.6 *The Irish Landmark Trust*

Like all other organisations that are in receipt of state funding, in 2011 the Irish Landmark Trust suffered a cutback to its core operational funding which is provided through the Heritage Council. This was not unexpected and steps had been taken through 2010 to try to minimise the impact of this cut. However, the Irish Landmark Trust is now stripped to the core and there is little room to take further funding cuts. In 2011 all activity was funded by the Heritage Council grant,

contributions from properties, and fundraising.

The directors remain of the view that the long-term future and survival of the organisation depends on its ability to grow the portfolio of restored properties to a level where the contribution from income can eventually cover operational costs. This is likely to require a portfolio of restored properties numbering around 50. By end of 2011 the Irish Landmark Trust had conserved and was managing 22 properties. The reduction in funding has impacted the resources available to continue this development. The Irish Landmark Trust will examine options for continuing the development of its portfolio of conserved properties – e.g. partnerships with owners (private, organisations or state) who have already carried out conservation work to properties but do not have an identified end-use for these. The partnerships with the Alfred Beit Foundation for the re-use of the West Wing at Russborough, and with Clondeboy Estate for the re-use of Helen's Tower, are two examples of this approach.

Education

During Heritage Week/European Heritage Open Days and on other dates in 2011, the Irish Landmark Trust welcomed school groups to its properties at Magherintemple in County Antrim, Clomantagh Castle in County Kilkenny and Galley Head Lightkeepers' Houses in County Cork.

Fundraising

A fundraising executive (supported by private funding) was added to the executive team in early 2011. There were two major fundraising activities in 2011 – a national raffle, which raised almost €9,000; and the Print Sale in November, which raised around €19,000. The raffle was organised to support the costs of the major maintenance required at Salterbridge Gate Lodge. The Print Sale was organised to help bridge the gap in operational funds caused by the reduction of the Heritage Council grant. Efforts continue to identify new donors and supporters.

New projects

- (i) Beit Residence in the West Wing, Russborough, County Wicklow. The plans for 2011 had been to add the West Wing at Russborough to Irish Landmark's portfolio. However, delays with the conservation work, particularly the drying out of the building as a consequence of the fire in early 2010, delayed completion of this project. The date for the first guest stay at the Beit Residence in the West Wing was February 2012.



The restored dining room in the Sr. Alfred Beit Residence, Wicklow, 2011

- (ii) Magherintemple Lodge, Ballycastle, County Antrim. The conservation of this property was completed, on target and on budget, in June 2011. This was funded mostly by the Heritage Lottery Fund with additional funding from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and from The Pilgrim Trust. The property was officially opened by Alex Attwood, MLA, Minister for Environment in Northern Ireland on 9 September 2011.



Restored kitchen at Magherintemple Lodge, County Antrim 2011

- (iii) Tullymurry House, Donaghmore, County Down. Preliminary site works commenced at Tullymurry House in the closing weeks of 2011. This project is being funded in total by the owner. The property will be given to the Irish Landmark Trust by way of licence. Irish Landmark will then be responsible for the future care and management of Tullymurry House for the duration of the licence.



Tullymurry House, County Down: 2011 saw the commencement of preliminary works at this property

4.7 Heritage Officer Programme

The Heritage Council provides a local heritage service at county level by working in partnership with 28 local authorities. Heritage officers are employed in local authorities throughout the country giving the Heritage Council an outlet to local communities and providing a structured and co-ordinated county heritage service.

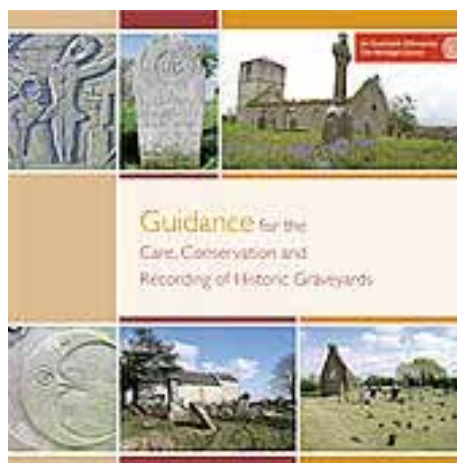
Heritage officers have played an important role in local authorities since 1999. They ensure that heritage receives due consideration at local level and provide a valuable connection to local communities. They carry out strategic, operational, promotional, co-ordination and facilitation roles in both the local authority and in their county at large.

Functions performed by heritage officers include:

- County Heritage Plans
- Advice, information and training for local authority staff
- Heritage appraisal
- Data collection
- Community liaison
- Public relations
- Public consultations
- Strategies, policies and projects

The Heritage Council acknowledges the tremendous work being carried out under the stewardship of county heritage officers with the support of local authorities and local communities. Much of the work of heritage officers is carried out under the auspices of the County Heritage Plan and provides for local initiatives which are supportive of the aims and objectives of the Heritage Council.

Heritage officers liaise closely with Heritage Council staff and play an important part in Heritage Council initiatives. This progressive working relationship is fostered by the Training and Development Network which bring officers and staff together four times a year. Joint projects are often undertaken and the Heritage Map Viewer was developed jointly by the Heritage Council and heritage officers. Many County Heritage Plan projects are utilised at national level when they are seen to provide a good output at county level. A good example of a collaborative project is *Guidance for the Care, Conservation and Recording of Historic Graveyards*. This publication evolved from a Heritage Plan project in County Waterford into a national guidance document.



This publication aimed at local communities started life as a guide to managing graveyards in County Waterford. It was subsequently revised and re-issued by the Heritage Council as a national publication

Heritage officers make a concerted effort to ensure that heritage is promoted throughout the year and many different activities keep heritage on the agenda. Projects often address several aspects of the heritage officer function and heritage promotion is an integral part of most projects. The benefits of some projects are technical or internal to local authorities but heritage officers generally play a very public role.



Heritage Week

Heritage officers play an important role in Heritage Week. They encourage and facilitate community groups to participate in Heritage Week. Many heritage officers produce a county-wide programme of events leaflet to promote Heritage Week in their area.



Heritage Week Event in
County Cork (Ballincollig Castle)



Children's Biodiversity Workshop, Newpark Fen, Kilkenny -
Heritage Week Event July 2011



Heritage Week Event in Fethard, County Tipperary



The County Cork Heritage Officer assisted a conference celebrating the 30th anniversary of Lough Hyne being designated as Europe's first statutory marine nature reserve and the Republic of Ireland's only marine reserve (Dr Rob McAllen, UCC)



The Crescent, Cobh, County Cork is part of one of the county's many Architectural Conservation Areas



Pat Dargan, Deirdre Burns, and Cllr Sylvester Burke, Cathaoirleach, at the launch of the Wicklow Villages publication at Tinakilly House, Wicklow, July 2011



Joint first prize winners in the Wicklow's Living Coast Photography competition organised in 2011 by the Wicklow Heritage Office in association with Arklow Coastcare. A selection of entries received went on to form a Heritage Week exhibition in Wicklow County Council Buildings.

Publications

Wicklow Villages was produced by the Wicklow County Council Heritage Officer with support from the Heritage Council as an action of the County Wicklow Heritage Plan. *Guidelines for the Management & Development of Architectural Conservation Area* was published in 2011 by the Cork Heritage Office. The publication is available in hard copy and in electronic version on the local authority website. In conjunction with these guidelines, the Heritage Office organised information seminars for the owners/occupiers of buildings located in Architectural Conservation Areas. These seminars promoted the unique character of Architectural Conservation Areas in the County as well as providing guidance in relation to development within these areas.



Sign at Leitrim River, Wicklow Town. Wicklow's Living Coast is a biodiversity signage and awareness raising project co-ordinated by the heritage officer with support from the Heritage Council. Seven interpretive signs were erected at key strategic locations along the coast

Ministerial and Departmental liaison

Heritage officers work closely with local staff from the Government Departments. Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Jimmy Deenihan, TD, met with heritage officers shortly after his appointment and endorsed the Heritage Officer Programme. The Minister used Heritage Week to visit several heritage attractions such as Cobh, Fota Island and Spike Island in County Cork.



Minister Deenihan greeting heritage officers at the Training and Development Network, July 2011



5. GRANTS PROGRAMMES

Given current constraints on funding, Council is acutely aware of the need to contribute to national recovery and to demonstrate how heritage can be a resource for social and economic development. Since 1998 the Heritage Council has offered grants each year to support heritage projects. These grants are part funded by the National Lottery.

Three distinct project types have been identified. These may be carried out in any of the fields of national heritage specified in the Heritage Act 1995 or across several of those fields. The project types are:

- (i) **Heritage Research** provides assistance for data collection and research relating to Ireland's heritage.
- (ii) **Heritage Management** supports projects that apply good heritage practice to the management of places, collections or objects (including buildings).
- (iii) **Heritage Education, Community and Outreach** supports initiatives linking heritage to communities, promoting active engagement with and raising public appreciation of heritage.

As part of the overall grants programme in 2011, the Heritage Council also administered funding to projects under the following headings:

- **Conservation Plan led Projects:** since its inception, the Heritage Council has promoted the use of Conservation Plans as a means to safeguard important places, buildings and landscapes
 - **Irish Walled Towns Network:** this fund aims to support the implementation of the suite of Conservation and Management Plans (CMPs) prepared previously, to conserve, preserve and promote the historic town walls and their settings through capital works.
 - **INSTAR (Irish National Strategic Archaeological Research):** a programme that aims to help realise the potential of Ireland's archaeological record and to transform understanding of how Irish society has evolved.
- In 2011 approximately 300 projects were granted funding, many receiving small amounts to undertake critical work. Here is a small sample of the worthy projects that were successful in 2011.
- The Jackie Clarke Collection, Ballina, Mayo**
- An application from the internationally renowned Jackie Clarke archival collection was successful in 2010 and 2011. This aimed to make the collection more accessible to the public and to ensure its conservation. In 2011 the focus of the funds allocated was the conservation of the Moy Fishery collection. While Ballina is known as the salmon capital of Europe, the history of its fishing industry is not well known. The Moy Fishery collection represents a hidden history as a range of papers dating to the 1800s tell the story of the ownership, disputes, trade and early tourism to the area. The collection is hugely significant in terms of its age, range and variety of content which conveys the history of fishing in Ballina and the North-West of Ireland.
- **Significant Places of Public Worship:** a scheme of grants for major conservation works to churches and places of public worship of any denomination, of national or greater importance, and which are protected structures and generally open to the public.
 - **Large Scale Properties:** a scheme of grants for major conservation works to buildings of national or greater importance which are protected structures and generally open to the public.



In February as part of the launch of the Fishing Season archived items from the Jackie Clarke collection went on display for a special visit by fisherman Jack Charlton and his wife Pat.



A grant from the Heritage Council enabled the conservation of textiles in the Jewish Museum of Dublin

Textile Conservation at the Jewish Museum, Dublin

The Jewish Museum in Dublin is significant in terms of the cultural development of the

city and in the historical context of Ireland's major cities, North and South. The textile collection consists mainly of unique examples of ceremonial artefacts used in Irish synagogues in Dublin, Limerick Waterford, Cork, Belfast, Drogheda and Derry over a 150 year period. Only three synagogues are extant today in Ireland. Three of the artefacts are totally unique: a 1760 silk Ark Curtain; a burnt and damaged Torah Scroll salvaged from the burning ruins of the Strasbourg Synagogue in 1940; and a nineteenth century North African Tiq (a case for carrying Torah scrolls). This project will ensure the survival of the textiles so that they can be enjoyed by the general public, schools, scholars, researchers and Irish and international Jewish communities.

Hook Head Walls, County Wexford

Hook Head peninsula is famous for its medieval lighthouse yet an equally appealing landscape feature is the limestone walling. The walls are a unique feature of the peninsula and are a prominent landscape component on this windswept, treeless promontory. After a period of neglect the walls were in danger of falling down. Having successfully received funding over four years to carry out the repairs, the Hook Head residents contributed enormous time and energy to this project.



A roadside wall on Hook Head, County Wexford, prior to conservation by the local community with the assistance of a Heritage Council grant



The New Ross Lace Collection, County Wexford

The production of lace was born out of the need to provide skills and a trade to the young women of New Ross, starting in the eighteenth century and continued to the end of the nineteenth century. The particular lace associated with New Ross has a rich and colourful history. It is told that Sister Dalton, the Prioress of the Carmelite Sisters bought a piece of lace fabric from a travelling salesman. Recognising it as a piece of rare Venetian lace she went about undoing it stitch by stitch to understand how it was made. From this piece she developed an internationally recognised lace industry which grew to employ many of the New Ross women. The lace made in New Ross was seen as the 'cream' of Irish lace and was especially valued for its delicate detail and complexity of the stitching. It was once in demand around the world for wedding dresses. The remnants of this history are still kept in New Ross by the Carmelite Sisters and a very small amount of funding has been made available for the conservation of the unique patterns that are still in their keep.



A grant from the Heritage Council enabled the conservation of this Wexford Lace

Traditional Farm Building Grants

The REPS 4 Traditional Farm Buildings Grants Scheme is managed by the Heritage Council in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Almost €800,000 was invested in the scheme in 2011. As conservation works are comparatively more labour intensive to carry out than new build, the scheme is providing a sustainable means of employment in rural areas for professionals and local contractors, thereby supporting the broader rural economy.



A selection of restored traditional farm buildings in Cavan, Donegal Roscommon, and Kildare



Corporate Governance

The Heritage Council's policy is to maintain the highest standards of corporate governance, in line with generally accepted policies and practices. The Council is committed to complying with the relevant provisions of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies published by the Department of Finance in 2010.

The Heritage Council has established a Finance and Audit committee, which regularly reviews the system of internal control and engages external expertise in the carrying out of its functions, including the internal audit function as appropriate. The Heritage Council complies with Government guidelines for the appraisal and management of Capital Expenditure in the public sector. The Heritage Council complies with all aspects of Government requirement for public procurement and competitive tender, including EU guidelines. Government policy on pay and directors' fees is also complied with. The Heritage Council is fully tax compliant and does not engage in 'offensive' tax avoidance transactions.

Prompt Payments

The Heritage Council is required to Comply with the requirements of the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations, 2002 and its predecessor, the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act, 1997 (collectively the 'regulations'). The Council's standard terms of credit taken, unless otherwise specified in contractual arrangements, are 30 days from the receipt of the invoice. Procedures have been implemented which provide reasonable assurance against material non-compliance with the Regulations. While the procedures are designed to ensure compliance with the Regulations, they can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material non-compliance with the ACT.

A review of all payments made during the year ended 31 December 2011 shows 5 payments totalling €7,972.38 giving rise to an interest penalty of €92.09 under the above regulations.

With effect from 1 July 2011 The Heritage Council was required to comply with Government Decisions S29296 of 19 May 2009 and 2 and 8 March in relation to the 15 day prompt payment rule. The disclosures required in the memorandum for government supporting the above decisions are now detailed below.

Period Covered: 01.07.2011 to 31.12.2011

Details	Number	Value (€)	Percentage (%) of total number of payments made
Number of payments made within 15 days	637	1,861,299	92.59%
Number of payments made within 16 days to 30 days	27	40,680	3.92%
Number of payments made in excess of 30 days	24	90,612	3.49%
Total payments made in Quarter	688	1,992,591	100.00%
[1]Disputed Invoices	2	163,915	N/A

[1] Invoices received during the quarter and still under dispute at the end of the quarter.

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council



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Report of Comptroller & Auditor General



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The Heritage Council

I have audited the financial statements of the Heritage Council for the year ended 31 December 2011 under the Heritage Act 1995. The financial statements, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein, comprise the Accounting Policies, the Income and Expenditure Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland.

Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, for ensuring that they give a true and fair view of the state of the Council's affairs and of its income and expenditure, and for ensuring the regularity of transactions.

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

My responsibility is to audit the financial statements and report on them in accordance with applicable law.

My audit is conducted by reference to the special considerations which attach to State bodies in relation to their management and operation.

My audit is carried out in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and in compliance with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of Audit of the Financial Statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I also seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of audit.

In addition, I read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my report.



Opinion on the Financial Statements

In my opinion, the financial statements, which have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, give a true and fair view of the state of the Council's affairs at 31 December 2011 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Council. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

Matters on which I Report by Exception

I report by exception if

- I have not received all the information and explanations I required for my audit, or
- my audit noted any material instance where moneys have not been applied for the purposes intended or where the transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them, or
- the Statement on Internal Financial Control does not reflect the Council's compliance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, or
- the information given in the Council's Annual Report for the year for which the financial statements are prepared is not consistent with the financial statements, or
- I find there are other material matters relating to the manner in which public business has been conducted.

I draw attention to the Statement on Internal Financial Control which discloses that the Council did not carry out the annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control for the year in the manner required by the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.

I have nothing to report in regard to the other matters upon which reporting is by exception.

Andrew Harkness
For and on behalf of
Comptroller and Auditor General
22 June 2012



Section 21(1) of the Heritage Act, 1995 requires the Council to prepare financial statements in such form as may be approved by the Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government after consultation with the Minister of Finance.

In preparing the financial statements, the council is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Heritage Council will continue in operation
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

The Council is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Council and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 21(1) of the Act. The Council is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Heritage Council and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Mr. Conor Newman Council Chairperson

Grainne Shaffrey Council Member



On behalf of the members of Council I wish to acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated.

The system can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

Key Control Procedures

- i) The council has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment is in place by:
 - Agreeing a detailed work programme for each year, monitoring and evaluating progress against the work programme
 - Implementing financial procedures to control the significant financial elements of The Heritage Council's business
 - Maintaining a comprehensive schedule of insurances to protect The Heritage Council's interest
 - Reviewing and approving all Council policies and procedures
 - Establishing an Audit and Finance Committee which regularly reviews the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control. The Committee selects different areas of Council's financial activities for detailed review on a rolling basis, in order to assess the effectiveness of controls in these areas.
 - Production of regular management information, segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability
 - Compliance with all aspects of Government requirements for public procurement and competitive tender
 - Compliance with Department procedures as regards reporting and draw down of funds
 - Immediate and positive response to all items drawn to Council's attention in management letters from the Comptroller and Auditor General.
- ii) The system of internal financial controls is based on a framework of regular management information, a system of delegation and accountability, a set of financial procedures, administrative procedures including segregation of duties, and rigorous checks of the finance function. In particular it includes:
 - Restricting authority for authorising disbursement of Council monies to designated officers.
 - Modern computerised Financial Accounting, Payroll and Fixed Asset Register software systems to underpin the internal financial controls of The Heritage Council.
 - Detailed procedures for engaging consultants.
- iii) The Council has an internal audit programme. The services of various independent financial control consultants are used as and when required. No consultants were used in 2011.
- iv) The Heritage Council is in the process of adopting the 2009 Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies and the adoption of same is tabled at Council meetings from time to time. The Heritage Council is in the process of adopting a Code of Business Conduct for directors and employees in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Practice.

Annual Review of Controls

The Heritage Council did not conduct a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control in 2011. A full review was carried out in 2009.

Conor Newman Council Chairperson



The Heritage Council was established under the Heritage Act, 1995. The general function of the Heritage Council is to propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of the national heritage and to promote its appreciation.

Accounting Policy

1. Accounting basis

The financial statements are prepared under the accruals method of accounting except as indicated below, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historical cost convention. Financial Reporting Standards recommended by the recognised accountancy bodies are adopted, as they become operative.

2. Oireachtas Grants

Oireachtas Grants are accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

3. Other Income

Other income is recognised when the right to receive the income has accrued to The Heritage Council.

4. Grant Payments

The Heritage Council offers grants to various bodies and individuals to carry out works under its heritage grant schemes. When a grantee accepts the terms and conditions of a grant offer from Council, Council enters into a commitment with that grantee. That commitment is recognised as an accrual only when the grantee is seen to have fulfilled the full terms and conditions of the grant offer. Details of grant commitments at 31 December 2011 are given in note 16.

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets of the Heritage Council are shown at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated in order to write off the cost of tangible assets over their estimated useful lives by equal annual instalments.

The depreciation rates used are:

Buildings	2.50%	Plant & Equipment	10%/20%
Leasehold	10%	Office Furniture	10%/20%
Office Equipment	20%	Computers (Hardware & Software)	25%
Works of Art	0%	Reference Material	
Motor Vehicles	20%	and OSI Licences	20%

6. Capital Account

The capital account comprises income allocated for the purchase of fixed assets. It is amortised in line with the depreciation of the related assets.

7. Stock

Stock comprising stationery and publications is written off in the year of purchase.

8. Leasing

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and included in tangible fixed assets and depreciated in accordance with the Council policy.

9. Pensions

The Council operates a defined benefit pension scheme which is funded annually on a pay as you go basis from monies provided by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DEHLG) and from contributions deducted from staff salaries.

Pension costs reflect pension benefits earned by employees in the period and are shown net of staff contributions which are retained by the Council. An amount corresponding to the pension charge is recognised as income to the extent that it is recoverable, and offset by grants received in the year to discharge pension payments.

Actuarial gains or losses arising on scheme liabilities are reflected in the Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses and a corresponding adjustment is recognised in the amount recoverable from the DEHLG.

Pension liabilities represent the present value of future pension payments earned by staff to date. Deferred pension funding represents the corresponding asset to be recovered in future periods from DEHLG.



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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31 December 2011

	Notes	2011 €	2010 €
Income			
Oireachtas Grant	1	7,947,000	11,085,027
Other Income	2	214,399	322,649
Net deferred funding for pensions	8 (c)	250,000	273,000
Transfer from Capital Account	3	401,167	341,355
Total Income		<u>8,812,566</u>	<u>12,022,031</u>
Expenditure			
Grants	4	5,023,437	6,204,199
Policy Development	5(a)	1,074,044	1,322,233
Support for Heritage Infrastructure	5(b)	1,374,872	2,251,380
Administration			
Council members' honoraria & expenses	6	69,010	115,346
Committee members' expenses		1,619	3,709
Staff costs	7	1,222,948	1,170,789
Establishment expenses	9	202,660	319,312
Office supplies and administration	10	221,273	263,333
Depreciation	11	409,249	455,320
Total Administration		<u>2,126,759</u>	<u>2,327,809</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>9,599,112</u>	<u>12,105,621</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>(786,546)</u>	<u>(83,590)</u>
Balance at 1st January, 2011		<u>1,763,207</u>	<u>1,846,797</u>
Balance at 31st December 2011		<u>976,661</u>	<u>1,763,207</u>

The results for the year relate to continuing operations.

The statement of Accounting Policies, Notes 1 to 20 and Schedule 1 form part of these financial statements.

Conor Newman *Council Chairperson*

Grainne Shaffrey *Council Member*

Michael Starrett *Chief Executive*



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Statement of Total Recognised Gains & Losses for the Year ended 31 December 2011

	2011	2010
	€	€
Surplus/(deficit) for year	(786,546)	(83,590)
Experience gains/ (losses) on pension scheme liabilities	51,000	69,000
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of pension scheme liabilities	(506,000)	(163,000)
	(1,241,546)	(177,590)
Adjustments to Deferred Pension Funding	455,000	94,000
Total Recognised (Loss)/Gain for the year	<u>(786,546)</u>	<u>(83,590)</u>

Conor Newman Council Chairperson

Grainne Shaffrey Council Member

Michael Starrett Chief Executive



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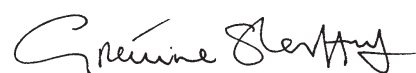
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2011

	Notes	2011 €	2010 €
Tangible fixed assets	11	7,586,013	7,987,177
Current Assets			
Debtors and Prepayments	12	127,714	121,912
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,662,932</u>	<u>2,803,147</u>
Total Current Assets		1,790,646	2,925,059
Current Liabilities			
General Creditors and Accruals		502,492	820,204
Grants Outstanding		<u>311,493</u>	<u>341,648</u>
Total Current Liabilities	13	813,985	1,161,852
Net Current Assets		<u>976,661</u>	<u>1,763,207</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities Before Pensions		<u>8,562,674</u>	<u>9,750,384</u>
Deferred Pension Funding	8(d)	2,966,000	2,291,000
Pension Liabilities		<u>(2,966,000)</u>	<u>(2,291,000)</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>8,562,674</u>	<u>9,750,384</u>
Represented by:			
Capital Account	3	7,586,013	7,987,177
Income and Expenditure Account		<u>976,661</u>	<u>1,763,207</u>
		<u>8,562,674</u>	<u>9,750,384</u>

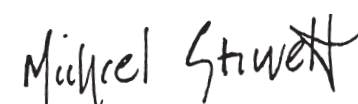
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Conor Newman Council Chairperson



Grainne Shaffrey Council Member



Michael Starrett Chief Executive



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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2011

Note 1: Oireachtas Grants

The amount of €7,947,000 comprises Grants from the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government as follows:

	2011	2010
	€	€
Administration Grants (Exchequer funded)	1,550,000	1,740,000
Capital Grants (Exchequer funded)	55,000	1,838,403
Non Capital Grants (Exchequer funded)	400,000	764,624
Capital Grants (National Lottery funded)	3,000,000	4,500,000
Non-Capital Grants (National Lottery funded)	1,442,000	2,242,000
Capital Grant (Environment Fund)	1,500,000	0
TOTAL	<u>7,947,000</u>	<u>11,085,027</u>

Note 2: Other Income

	2011	2010
	€	€
Deposit Interest	33,878	44,926
Attendance at Seminars	19,619	19,819
Sale of publication and data	0	20
Heritage Week	10,850	20,170
Faite Ireland - Contribution towards impact of Climate Change	0	1,543
Dept. of Agriculture Contribution towards Traditional Farm Buildings Scheme	62,565	62,083
EPA Contribution to NDBC projects	4,714	8,018
Faite Ireland - Heritage Week	29,000	29,900
Irish Walled Towns Membership Fees	37,000	33,000
DoEHLG Grant for Quanta Research on Building Grants	0	20,000
DoEHLG Grant for Disability Audit	0	4,749
Contribution of Local Authorities to Coastal Zone Project	2,237	31,724
DoEHLG Grant for Biodiversity Market Research	0	6,000
NPWS Grant for NBDC Terrestrial Mapping System	0	18,150
Joint Programme for Cultural Heritage - Communications Element	13,705	0
Miscellaneous	831	22,547
TOTAL	<u>214,399</u>	<u>322,649</u>

Note 3: Capital Account

	2011	2010
	€	€
Balance at 1 January	7,987,177	8,328,532
Transfer (to)/from Income and Expenditure Account		
Amount allocated to fund fixed asset purchases	8,085	113,965
Less: Amortisation in line with depreciation	(409,249)	(455,320)
	<u>(401,164)</u>	<u>(341,355)</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>7,586,013</u>	<u>7,987,177</u>



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Note 4: Grants

	2011	2010
	Total	Total
	€	€
Local Heritage Grants	0	15,626
Publication Grants	0	10,000
Museum & Archives Grants	0	12,500
Wildlife Grants	0	16,000
Buildings Grants	0	745,950
Properties Not in State Care	248,000	249,501
Places of Worship	497,902	622,789
Irish National Strategic Archaeological Research	71,745	393,635
Irish Walled Towns Network	611,028	852,003
Research Grants	3,000	471,710
Education Grants	252,638	387,973
Management Grants	815,945	420,752
Conservation Led Plan Grants	150,000	0
Biodiversity Grants	119,481	0
Landscape Policy Grants	94,218	59,872
Valuing Heritage Policy Grants	83,650	101,769
Climate Change Policy Grants	0	15,526
Material Culture Policy Grants	7,500	16,843
Infrastructure Grants	301,512	241,750
County Heritage Plan Grants	666,818	0
Irish Landmark Trust Ltd. Note 14	250,000	270,000
Discovery Programme Ltd. Note 15	850,000	1,300,000
TOTAL	<u>5,023,437</u>	<u>6,204,199</u>

Schedule 1 contains details of grants payable during the year

In 2010 County Heritage Plan Grants were included in the accounts as part of Heritage Infrastructure spend. See note 5(b) County Heritage Plan Grants in 2010 was in the amount of €764,371.



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Note 5 (a): Expenditure by Key Policy Area

	2011	2010
	€	€
Landscape Policy		
National Landscape Strategy	0	26,699
Policy Guidance: Curtilage and Setting of Buildings	0	1,469
Waterway Corridor Studies and Promotion	0	3,822
Development of High Nature Value Farming Policy	501	1,752
Articulation of Heritage in National Landscape Policies	52,076	137,262
High Nature Value Case Studies	0	21,297
Tara Landscape Conservation	0	50,858
Burren Charter	50,000	50,000
	<u>102,577</u>	<u>293,159</u>
Valuing Heritage Policy		
Heritage in Schools	266,056	234,697
Heritage Week	286,812	316,702
High Profile Lecture Series	0	13,156
Studies: Skills and Labour Value of Heritage Projects	0	14,520
Guidelines for Habitat Mapping	230	9,600
Communciation of Council activities	157,909	139,265
Publications	56,909	68,547
Joint Programme for Cultural Heritage - Communications Element	13,705	0
	<u>781,621</u>	<u>796,487</u>
Climate Change Policy		
Impact of climate change on Heritage	0	3,086
Impact of Renewable Energy Strategy on Biodiversity	0	1,634
	<u>0</u>	<u>4,720</u>
Material Culture Policy		
Conservation Internships	40,000	40,000
Traditional Skills Development	440	12,499
Promotion of Preventative Maintenance and Research on Thatch Styles	109,318	153,955
Conservation Plans and Centrality of Place	1,008	2,399
Conservation Works to Robing Room	39,080	19,014
	<u>189,846</u>	<u>227,867</u>
Total	<u>1,074,044</u>	<u>1,322,233</u>

Staff costs in the amount of €56,977 in respect of Traditional Farm Buildings Reps 4 project administration is included in "Promotion of Preventative Maintenance and Research on Thatch Styles" of €109,318 which is part of expenditure incurred under Material Culture Policy



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	2011	2010
Note 5(b): Heritage Infrastructure	€	€
National Biodiversity Data Centre	589,701	570,407
Field Monument Advisors & database development	2,105	57,011
Biodiversity Officers	0	66,228
Museum Standards Programme	126,438	160,854
Heritage Officer Programme	523,779	506,588
County Heritage Plans	0	764,371
Coastal Zone Heritage Viewer	65,794	93,689
Irish Walled Towns Network Administration	67,055	32,232
Total	<u>1,374,872</u>	<u>2,251,380</u>

In 2011 County Heritage Plans are included in the accounts as part of Grants. See note 4
County Heritage Plan's in 2011 is in the amount of €666,818

In 2011 Support for Local Authority Field Monument Advisors is included in Infrastructure Grants at Note 4.

In 2011 Support for Local Authority Biodiversity Officers is included in Infrastructure Grants at Note 4.

Note 6: Council Members Fees & Expenses

	Fee	Expenses Claimed	Accommodation & Meals Provided	Total
	€	€	€	€
Conor Newman	7,482	4,069	1,905	13,456
Caro lynne Ferris	5,985	2,195	652	8,832
Gabriel Cooney	0	1,579	177	1,756
Noel Keyes	0	493	0	493
Mary Keenan	5,985	749	0	6,734
Brendan Dunford	5,985	1,085	419	7,489
Kealin Ireland	5,985	0	328	6,313
Brian Lucas	0	953	303	1,256
Henry Lyons	5,985	2,609	695	9,289
Grainne Shaffrey	5,985	0	590	6,575
Ian Lumley	5,985	0	99	6,084
Helen O'Carroll	0	0	733	733
Total	<u>49,377</u>	<u>13,732</u>	<u>5,901</u>	<u>69,010</u>

Certain civil and public servants are not entitled to fees as Council members of The Heritage Council

Note 7: Staff Costs

The average number of staff employed by the Heritage Council for the year was 15. This is comprised of The Heritage Council complement of 14 staff together with contract staff employed for specific projects. (2010 -16).

	2011	2010
	€	€
Staff salaries and wages	917,295	891,910
Pension Costs	232,000	202,000
Staff Well Being & Settlements	850	4,070
Travel and Expenses	54,846	60,848
Training	17,957	11,961
	<u>1,222,948</u>	<u>1,170,789</u>

€57,852 was deducted from staff by way of pension levy and was paid over to the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government.

CEO Remuneration Package

The CEO received salary payments of €116,795 in 2011. No bonus payments were made to the CEO.

The CEO received recoupment of travel and subsistence expenses of €4,765

The CEO is a member of an unfunded defined benefit public sector scheme and his pension entitlements do not extend beyond the standard entitlements in the public sector defined benefit superannuation scheme.



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Note 8: Superannuation Scheme

There was a defined contribution scheme with Scottish Provident in operation until 1 February 2003. In accordance with Section 20 of the Heritage Act 1995, the Council sought to establish a superannuation scheme for all permanent staff in line with the public sector model. Accordingly, two defined benefit schemes were approved by the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government with effect from 1 February 2003 on an operational basis and apply to staff employed at that date in respect of qualifying past service. The Schemes are the Heritage Council Employee Superannuation Scheme, 2003 and the Heritage Council Spouse's and Children's Contributory Pension Scheme, 2003. These schemes are unfunded.

(a) Analysis Of Total Pension Costs Charged To Expenditure

	2011 €	2010 €
Current Service Cost	173,000	160,000
Interest on Pension Scheme Liabilities	126,000	113,000
Employee Contributions	(67,000)	(71,000)
Total	<u>232,000</u>	<u>202,000</u>

(b) Movement in Net Pension Liability during the financial year

	2,011 €	2,010 €
Net Pension Liability at 1 January	(2,291,000)	(1,924,000)
Movement in year:		
Current Service Cost	(173,000)	(160,000)
Interest Cost	(126,000)	(113,000)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(455,000)	(94,000)
Pension Payable	49,000	0
Net Pension Liability at 31 December	<u>(2,996,000)</u>	<u>(2,291,000)</u>

(c) Deferred Funding Asset For Pensions

The Heritage Council recognises these amounts as an asset corresponding to the unfunded deferred liability for pensions on the basis of the set of assumptions described below and a number of past events. These events include the statutory basis for the establishment of the superannuation scheme, and the policy and practice currently in place in relation to funding of public service pensions including the contributions by employees and the annual estimates process. The Heritage Council has no evidence that this funding policy will not continue to meet such sums in accordance with current practice.

The Net Deferred Funding for Pensions recognized in the Income and Expenditure Account was as follows:

	2011 €	2010 €
Funding Recoverable in respect of current year	299,000	273,000
Pension Payable	(49,000)	(0)
	<u>250,000</u>	<u>273,000</u>

The deferred funding asset for pensions at 31 December 2011 amounted to €2.996m (2010: €2.291m)

(d) History Of Defined Benefit Obligations

	2011 €000	2010 €000	2009 €000	2008 €000	2007 €000	2006 €000
Defined Benefit Obligations	2996	2291	1924	1715	1754	1677
Experience Gains/ (Losses) on Scheme Liabilities	51	69	253	10	(106)	21
Percentage of Scheme Liabilities	1.67%	3.01%	13.15%	0.58%	-6.04%	1.25%

The cumulative actuarial loss from 1 January 2003 to date recognised in the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses amounts to €121,000

(e) General Description Of The Scheme

The pension scheme is a defined benefit final salary pension arrangement with benefits and contributions defined by reference to current "model" public sector scheme regulations. The scheme provides a pension (one eightieth per year of service), a gratuity or lump sum (three eightieths per year of service) and spouse's and children's pensions. Normal Retirement Age is a member's 65th birthday, and pre 2004 members have an entitlement to retire without actuarial reduction from age 60. Pensions in payment (and deferment) normally increase in line with general public sector salary inflation. The valuation used for FRS 17 disclosures has been based on an actuarial valuation at 31 December 2011 by a qualified independent actuary to take account of the requirements of FRS17 in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31 December, 2011.



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The principal actuarial assumptions were as follows:

Assumptions	31/12/2011	31/12/2010
Discount Rate	4.50%	5.10%
Salary escalation	1% for two years, 3.5% thereafter	3.40%
Increases to state pensions	0% for three years and 2% thereafter	0% for four years and 1.9% thereafter
Increase to Salary Grade	0% for two years and 2.5% thereafter	2.40%
Inflation	2.00%	1.90%
Mortality Rates		
Year of attaining age 65	2011	2010
Life Expectancy - Male	86	86
Life Expectancy - Female	89	89

Note 9: Establishment expenses

	2011	2010
	€	€
Rent and service charge	31,701	33,244
Power, heat and light	15,525	19,155
Canteen, catering and cleaning	29,856	33,374
Meetings	18,662	25,452
Repairs, maintenance & security	73,515	173,396
Insurance	33,401	34,691
	<u>202,660</u>	<u>319,312</u>

Note 10: Office supplies and administration

	2011	2010
	€	€
Telephone and postage	30,552	39,017
Stationery, printing & office equipment repairs	14,755	23,248
Library and newspapers	1,811	2,254
Computer supplies and maintenance	107,317	103,005
Professional fees	6,291	24,964
Sundry	8,490	3,139
Legal Fees	16,432	18,130
INSTAR Grant Scheme Administration	4,910	20,040
Subscriptions	14,743	15,047
Audit fee	9,870	9,240
Bank Interest & Charges	2,149	2,153
Gifts	3,953	3,096
	<u>221,273</u>	<u>263,333</u>



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Note 11: Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings	Leasehold	Office Furniture	Office Equipment	Plant & Equipment	Computers	Reference Material & OSI Licences	Motor Vehicles	Works of Art	Total
COST	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
As at 1 January 2011	8,064,752	429,417	222,496	193,520	14,246	745,357	457,204	20,703	203,217	10,350,912
Additions	0	0	0	786	544	6,755	0	0	0	8,085
Disposals	0	0	0	(13,492)	0	0	0	0	0	(13,492)
As at 31 December 2011	<u>8,064,752</u>	<u>429,417</u>	<u>222,496</u>	<u>180,814</u>	<u>14,790</u>	<u>752,112</u>	<u>457,204</u>	<u>20,703</u>	<u>203,217</u>	<u>10,345,505</u>

ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

As at 1 January 2011	747,276	200,395	164,640	161,974	4,416	702,970	365,500	16,564	0	2,363,735
Charge for year	201,619	42,942	25,414	18,170	2,298	23,226	91,441	4,139	0	409,249
On disposals	0	0	0	(13,492)	0	0	0	0	0	(13,492)
As at 31 December 2011	<u>948,895</u>	<u>243,337</u>	<u>190,054</u>	<u>166,652</u>	<u>6,714</u>	<u>726,196</u>	<u>456,941</u>	<u>20,703</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,759,492</u>

NET BOOK AMOUNTS

As at 1 January 2011	<u>7,317,476</u>	<u>229,022</u>	<u>57,856</u>	<u>31,546</u>	<u>9,830</u>	<u>42,387</u>	<u>91,704</u>	<u>4,139</u>	<u>203,217</u>	<u>7,987,177</u>
As at 31 December 2011	<u>7,115,857</u>	<u>186,080</u>	<u>32,442</u>	<u>14,162</u>	<u>8,076</u>	<u>25,916</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>203,217</u>	<u>7,586,013</u>

Note 12: Debtors and Prepayments

	2011	2010
	€	€
Debtors	5,237	6,993
Prepayments	122,477	114,919
	<u>127,714</u>	<u>121,912</u>

Note 13: Creditors and Accruals

	€	€
Creditors	253,895	1,068,901
Accruals	560,090	92,951
	<u>813,985</u>	<u>1,161,852</u>



Note 14: The Irish Landmark Trust Ltd.

The Irish Landmark Trust Ltd was established in 1992 as a non profit company with the objective of saving historic buildings that were abandoned or at risk. This is achieved by giving them a useful and viable function as short term holiday accommodation, which would secure their long-term future. The level of Council funding each year is determined by reference to Council's Five Year Plan, the Irish Landmark Trust's Corporate Plan, and Council's overall budgetary position.

Note 15: Discovery Programme Ltd.

The Council funds the Discovery Programme that was established in 1991 and was registered as a company, limited by guarantee on 15 January 1996. The Council is responsible for appointing the chair of the Discovery Programme and three of its directors. The Chief Executive or its nominee is one of Council's representatives on the Board of the Discovery Programme. The level of Council funding each year is determined by reference to Council's Five Year Plan, The Discovery Programme's Corporate Plan, and Council's overall budgetary position. The purpose of the programme is to enhance our understanding of Ireland's past through research and archaeological excavations.

Note 16: Grant Commitments

At 31 December 2011 the Council had entered into commitments in connection with activities due to take place after that date. The amount involved of €433,394 is not reflected in these Financial Statements.

	2011	2010
	€	€
Grants committed at 1 January	568,638	1,047,418
Approvals in year	5,541,258	6,270,820
Grants decommitted & write offs	(653,065)	(545,400)
Grant expenditure in the year	(5,023,437)	(6,204,200)
Grant Commitments at 31 December	<u>433,394</u>	<u>568,638</u>

Note 17: Council Members Disclosure of Interest

In the normal course of business the Council may approve financial assistance to undertakings in which the Council members are employed or otherwise have an interest.

The Council adopted procedures in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Finance in relation to the disclosure of interests by Council members and these procedures have been adhered to during the year.

The following members disclosed an interest in organisations to which financial assistance was approved in the year:

Mary Keenan	€3,000 for County Heritage Plan Grant C01809
Brendan Dunford	€30,000 for Landscape Grant No. D03465 (€15,000 outstanding at 31.12.2011) €20,000 for Valuing Heritage Grants No. D03414 (outstanding at 31.12.2011) €8048.40 for Landscape Grant No. D03436
Grainne Shaffrey	€55,000 for Conservation led plan Grant No. CP02347

The members withdrew from the meetings when the projects were being discussed and played no part in the decision to grant funding.



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Note 18: Going Concern

The Council draws funds from the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht as and when required. It recognises this income on a cash receipts basis but recognises expenditure on an accruals basis. The Council believes that the department will continue to fund its approved activities and on this basis it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Note 19: Premises

The Heritage Council operates from a premises at Áras na hOidhreachta, Church Lane, Kilkenny which it occupies and owns.

Note 20: Approval of Financial Statements

The Financial Statements were approved by Council on 19th April, 2012.



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Properties not in State Care				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
LP02296	Cork	Cork County Council.	Emergency roof works at Fort Camden	25,000.00
LP02318	Waterford	Sir Charles Keane	Roof works at Cappoquin House	40,000.00
LP02337	Kildare	Swindon Investment Co. Ltd.	Conservation works to Shell Cottage, Carton	60,000.00
LP02339	Galway	Tranquility Village Ltd	Roof repairs to Woodlawn House Galway	18,000.00
LP02340	Sligo	Roderick Perceval	Roof works at Temple House, Ballymote, Co Sligo	30,000.00
LP02345	Galway	SE Galway IRD Ltd.	Roof repairs to Portumna Workhouse	50,000.00
LP02354	Kildare	Kildare County Council	Render and Roof repairs Wonderful Barn	25,000.00
<i>TOTAL</i>				248,000.00

Places of Worship				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
S02306	Dublin	St Audoens RC Church- The Polish Chaplaincy in Ireland	Works to St. Audoen's RC Church roof, portico, parapets, clerestorey windows, bell support steelwork and plaster ceilings.	80,000.00
S02309	Dublin	Parish of St Peter Phibsborough	St. Peter's Church Phibsborough- Works to church including; cast iron crestings, bell cage and removal of storm glazing and installation of wire grilles and roof repairs.	80,000.00
S02315	Dublin	The Trustees of Abbey Presbyterian Church	Abbey Presbyterian Church- Stone repairs to the north, south, east and west elevations of the steeple	100,000.00
S02319	Limerick	Adare Vestry Group, Church of Ireland	St Nicholas's Church of Ireland Church- Repairs to the roof, valleys, tower, rainwater goods and disposal system.	67,902.32
S02324	Cork	St. Colman's Roman Catholic Trust	St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh- Conservation of the marble in the Baptistry and side altars;and consolidation of the internal stonework on the south nave clerestory	70,000.00
S02330	Longford	St Mels Diocesan Trust	Saint Mel's Cathedral- . Replacing of corroded lintol over main door and structural stonework to Statuary to pediment to Portico. Consolidation and repair of figures over and within pediment	100,000.00
<i>TOTAL</i>				497,902.32

2011 INSTAR Grants				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
AR02180	Nationwide	Queens University Belfast	Early Medieval Archaeology Project 2: The Origins of the Irish Economy	47,122.13
AR02188	Mayo	University College Dublin	Neolithic and Bronze Age Landscapes of North Mayo	24,623.36
<i>TOTAL</i>				71,745.49

Irish Walled Towns Network

Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
W02212	Tipperary	Cashel Town Council	Restoration works to Cashel Town Walls	45,000.00
W02215	Kilkenny	Kilkenny Borough Council	Kilkenny City Walls - Restoration works to Talbots Tower (Phase 3)	130,000.00
W02232	Roscommon	St John's Parish Heritage Group	Continued stabilisation of Rinn Duin Town wall	120,000.00
W02237	Galway	Galway County Council	Surveys and conservation repairs to the North Gate and a 50 metre section of Athenry Town Wall	60,000.00
W02239	Cork	Youghal Town Council	Phase III of Works to Secure Structural Integrity of Youghal's Town Wall	58,492.42
W02247	Meath	Trim Town Council	Restoration works to Trim Town Wall section D-E rear of Emmet Street	29,337.40
W02254	Limerick	Limerick County Council	Works to the west wall of Kilmallock Town Wall	55,000.00
W02256	Tipperary	Clonmel Borough Council	Works to Clonmel Town Wall	34,000.00
W02260	Wexford	Wexford Borough Council	Wexford Town Walls - Phase 3 Restoration, Zone 3	10,000.00
WD02205	Tipperary	Clonmel Borough Council	Clonmel Walled Towns Day 2011	7,000.00
WD02206	Cork	Buttevant Heritage Group	Activities for Walled Town Day	1,113.50
WD02214	Roscommon	St John's Parish Heritage Group	Heritage Day at Rinn Duin	4,490.87
WD02219	Derry	Derry City Council	Derry City Walls Town Day Celebrations	5,405.72
WD02224	Galway	Galway County Council	Athenry Walled Town Day 21 August 2011	8,000.00
WD02226	Wexford	Wexford Borough Council	Guided walking tours of Wexford's Town Walls	100.00
WD02234	Wexford	Wexford Borough Council	Visual Art Workshop for Children	750.00
WD02243	Tipperary	Cashel Town Council	Irish Walled Towns Day - Cashel Town	7,000.00
WD02245	Louth	Ardee Town Council	Ardee's Celebration of Walled Towns Day 2011	3,142.35
WD02248	Cork	Cork City Council	Cork City Medieval Day	2,500.00
WD02249	Tipperary	South Tipperary County Council	Fethard Walled Town Medieval Festival 2011	6,000.00
WD02250	Louth	Louth County Council	Carlingford's Celebration of Walled Towns Day 2011	9,000.00
WD02251	Limerick	Limerick County Council	Kilmallock Walled Towns Day 2011	1,495.20
WD02252	Cork	Youghal Town Council	Youghal Medieval Festival 2011	8,000.00
WD02263	Wexford	Wexford Borough Council	A Medieval Street Performance	1,200.00
WD03412	Louth	Drogheda Borough Council	Drogheda's Celebration of Walled Towns' Day 2011	4,000.00
TOTAL				611,027.46

Research Grants				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
R00588	Clare	BOFFINS : Burren Organisation for Future Innovations	Mapping the Burren: an innovative model for archaeological survey	3000.00
<i>TOTAL</i>				3000.00

Education, Community & Outreach Grants				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
E00960	Ireland	National Folklore Collection	Publication on the web of early wax cylinder (Ediphone) sound recordings, in Irish and English	7,597.89
E01145	Kilkenny	Woodstock Heritage Museum	Documentary Film on Snap-Net Cot Fishing on the river Nore Inistioge	5,000.00
E01152	Kerry	Músaem Chorca Dhuibhne	Exhibition on Whales and Dolphins of Corca Dhuibhne	4,000.00
E01166	Ireland	Neil Foulkes	Hedgeducation Unit on Tour	3,500.00
E01195	Laois/Offaly/ Tipperary	Michele Castiaux	The Geology Surrounding Us: Workshops to Secondary Schools	1,300.00
E01219	Cork	School of Biological Earth and Environmental Sciences (BEES), University College Cork	Lough Hyne Marine Reserve at 30 - Past, Present and Future	4,000.00
E01228	Waterford	Christ Church Cathedral	Cathedral Heritage Talks with organ improvisations	1,500.00
E01242	Nationwide	Katherine Daly	Online Inventory of Leo Swan's Aerial Photographs	6,996.76
E01256	Mayo	Lynda Huxley	Upgrade of the current Lough Carra website and the creation of a Content Management System (CMS).	4,000.00
E01257	Clare	Crossing the Line Productions	A four-part TV Natural History documentary series exploring the flora, fauna and heritage of Ireland's the River Shannon	25,000.00
E01259	Clare	Cuimhneamh an Chláir, the Clare Oral History and Folklore Group	Cuimhneamh an Chláir 'Open Hearth' Folk and Oral Heritage Workshops	3,000.00
E01299	Nationwide	Jessica Smyth	Neolithic settlement in Ireland - building a new approach	4,000.00
E01354	Dublin	Chester Beatty Library	Heroes and Kings of the Shahnama Storytelling Workshops	5,000.00
E01365	Roscommon	Strokestown Park	Strokestown Park Learning Zone-online learning resources for 15-18 year olds	12,000.00
E01377	Cork	Mallow Development Partnership	Mallow Rebel Heritage Trail	4,000.00
E01383	Cavan	Group for the Study of Irish Historic Settlement	Cavan landscapes and historic settlement	1,275.00
E01398	Limerick	The Hunt Museum	Celebrating Limerick's Industrial Past - a community multimedia archive	6,000.00
E01407	Nationwide	Irish Wildlife Trust	SAC (Special Areas of Conservation) Watch Training Course is the IWT's. The course provides information and training to potential SAC site monitors about their local SAC	10,000.00
E01411	Cork	Kieran McCarthy	County Cork Schools' Heritage Project	3,000.00
E01413	Nationwide	Marion Dowd	The archaeology of caves in Ireland	5,000.00
E01422	Dublin	GAA Museum	The digitisation of the GAA Ulster Council Minute Books, 1917-1985	2,000.00
E01423	Cork	Eamon Lankford	Logainmníocht Chléire	2,000.00
E01437	Galway	Thomas Cuffe	Binoculars for Bird Watching in Schools in Galway	999.94
E01446	Waterford	Declan McGrath	A Guide to the Waterford Coast	3,000.00

Education, Community & Outreach Grants				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
E01451	Clare	J.J. O'Shea	Clare Schools Project- A series of twelve radio features based on the 1937-38 Schools Manuscript Collection.	4,000.00
E01458	Wicklow	Clean Coasts	Events on Co. Wicklow Coastcare for Biodiversity Week	2,678.18
E01460	Dublin	Representative Church Body Library	Transcribe the Vestry records of St Bride's parish, Dublin, 1662-1742	1,300.00
E01461	Dublin	St.Thomas Snr National School	Heritage at heART- heritage awareness activities amongst the people of Tallaght	5,500.00
E01512	Donegal	Joseph Gallagher	'Traditional Cottages of County Donegal' - book & exhibition by J. Gallagher & G. Stevenson	5,000.00
E01530	Galway	Clifden & Connemara Heritage Society	Find the Vimy- Determine the crash site of Alcock and Brown, the first aviators to cross the Atlantic , landing on Sunday 15th June 1919.	1,200.00
E01570	Clare	Burrenbeo Trust	'Open your eyes to the living Burren' - A second and third level learning package	7,950.00
E01576	Dublin	The Praeger Centre	Equipment and Library Materials for the Praeger Centre provide a suite of classroom/laboratory/library facilities for dedicated natural history studies.	9,407.00
E01579	Nationwide	The Dublin Naturalists' Field Club	Butterfly Atlas of Ireland	5,000.00
E01616	Dublin	'OWLS' The Childrens Nature Club	"OWLS", which stands for Outdoor, Wildlife, Learning and Survival is about enabling young children and their families the opportunity to access, learn and enjoy the outdoors through regular run twice monthly environmentally themed events in the various parks around Dublin.	3,000.00
E01620	Louth	Irish Historic Towns Atlas, Royal Irish Academy	Irish Historic Towns Atlas, Carlingford	3,000.00
E01646	Nationwide	Michael Potterton	In the light of recent archaeological excavations'- disseminating the results of recent archaeological excavations in Ireland, via focused conferences and high-quality peer-reviewed publications.	5,000.00
E01660	Ireland	Irish Georgian Society	Traditional Building & Conservation Skills in Action Exhibition & Seminar	8,000.00
E01663	Dublin	Andrew Fleming	OWLS - 'Wild Things' - Activity Camps- activity camps for children aged 5 - 15yrs old with an interest in the natural environment	2,000.00
E01664	Nationwide	Paul Whelan	The Lichens of Ireland - and introductory book to identifying Ireland's lichens	5,000.00
E01690	Ireland	Irish Wildlife Trust	Wild Watch Walks	10,000.00
E01694	Kilkenny	Tullahought Community Development Limited	Promote three strands of heritage (natural, cultural and built) during heritage week	1,000.00
E01698	Monaghan	Monaghan County Council	Community Based Natural Heritage Awareness Activities	3,750.60
E01723	Mayo	Museums of Mayo Network	Training Workshop on Recording and Archiving Folklore and Local History	530.00

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E01741	Dublin	Aileen O'Meara	The Metals Audio Guide- An audio podcast of The Metals, the railway that carried quarried stone to construct Dun Laoghaire Harbour	3,500.00
E01794	Monaghan	Ballybay Development Association Ltd	Ballybay Wetlands Centre ECO-WEEK Summer Camps	6,500.00
E01812	Galway	Jenny Beale	Project promotes environmental awareness by inspiring and training transition year students as peer educators with primary school students,	2,000.00
E01815	Armagh	Alliance Youth Works	Introduction to Biodiversity days where the public can get close to wildlife and learn about it from experts	3,916.05
E01840	Dublin	National Print Museum	Seminar: An Introduction to the Traditional Craft of Letterpress Printing	1,510.30
E01858	Nationwide	Kieran Hickey	The Natural and Cultural History of Wolves (Canis lupus) in Ireland	5,000.00
E01862	Waterford	Waterford County Museum	Waterford County Museum - The Interactive Museum- a wireless network across our museum that will allow access (via mobile phone and computer) to material that will complement exhibitions.	800.00
E01869	Tipperary	Aileen O'Meara	Roscrea Heritage Town Audio Guide	2,000.00
E01872	Kilkenny	Select Vestry of St Lachtain's	Permanent Exhibition at St Lachtain's Church of Ireland, Freshford	5,000.00
E01883	Clare	Ruth Minogue	Landscape Awareness for primary schools- adapting and undertaking the exercises proposed in the 'Education on Landscape for Children' 2009	729.99
E01929	Kilkenny	Cóilín Ó Drisceoil	Publication of excavation of a fourteenth century pottery production centre at Highhays, Kilkenny	5,000.00
E01949	Waterford	Waterford Festival of Architecture	Natural Heritage and the Built Environment- A series of heritage workshops and presentations demonstrating the high level of craftsmanship and variety of traditional building techniques that shaped the Waterford regions unique built environment and cultural heritage	4,996.62
E01955	Donegal	Mary Phelan	Development of A downloadable audio tour of Heritage Town of Ramelton	3,000.00
E01965	Tipperary	Richard O'Brien	The Synod of Rathbreasail 900th- Commemoration	1,200.00
TOTAL				252,638.33

Heritage Management Grants				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
BR/1946	Galway	Michael Walsh	Repairs to thatch at Carrabeg	6,000.00
D03459	Wexford	Paul Cramp	Repairs to Thatch Whitefort, Co Wexford	3,100.00
M00845	Kildare	Athy Heritage Centre & Museum	Archival boxing for vulnerable documents	1,231.48
M01164	Tipperary	South Tipperary County Museum	Conservation of the painting Adoration of Jesus	770.00
M01176	Waterford	Henry Gwyn-Jones	Conservation & Management Plan for Molana Abbey and Templemichael Heritage Sites	7,000.00
M01178	Kilkenny	Butler Gallery	Conservation & Framing of various works in the Butler Gallery Collection	6,000.00
M01189	Roscommon	St John's Parish Heritage Group	Survey & stabilisation of Windmill at Rinn Duin	10,000.00
M01207	Waterford	Waterford Museum of Treasures	Cloths of Heaven: Conservation of final piece of 15th century set of Waterford vestments	8,000.00
M01208	Louth	Sandra McKeever Louth Nature Trust Ltd	Little Tern Conservation Project, Baltray.	12,000.00
M01221	Kerry	Margaret Mooney	Re- thatching of the long thatch, Movanne, Listowel, Co Kerry	7,000.00
M01247	Nationwide	Irish Museum Trust	Control of the invasive exotic Hottentot Fig (<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>) in the Republic of Ireland	13,186.40
M01249	Tipperary	St Mary's Parish Select Vestry	Repairs at St Mary's Parish Church, Templemore	9,000.00
M01252	Dublin	Railway Preservation Society of Ireland	Restoration of G.N. Loco no.85 to working order	8,000.00
M01254	Monaghan	Friends of Lathlorcan	Repairs to rainwater goods at St. Joseph's Church, Lathlorcan, Co. Monaghan.	4,497.80
M01258	Limerick	Nicker Church (Fr Patrick Burns)	Repairs to Nicker Church Pallas County Limerick	15,000.00
M01262	Dublin	Dublin City Archives	Conservation of 30 Wide Street Commission Maps	3,000.00
M01270	Waterford	Breege Bohan	Repair works to protected structure Curraghmoreen House, Cappoquin	10,000.00
M01282	Cork	Dean and Chapter St. Fin Barre's Cathedral	Cataloguing, conserving and preservation of the original cartoons and architectural drawings used in the building of St Fin Barre's Cathedral-Willia Burges Archive	7,500.00
M01288	Cork	Allihies Copper Mine Museum	Condition Assessment of the the collection of the museum	800.00
M01294	Clare	OaC	Conservation of Irish language map	1,000.00
M01306	Galway	Inalnd Fisheries Ireland	Removal of the South African Pond Weed, Lagarosiphon Major, Lough Corrib	15,000.00
M01310	Roscommon	St John's Parish Heritage Group	Repair works to wall of St John's Hospital Cemetery, Rinn Duin	6,000.00
M01312	Mayo & Donegal	BirdWatch Ireland	Habitat Management Project for Corncrakes in Mayo and Donegal	16,580.64
M01316	Galway	Killimor Development Society	Conservation Management Plan for the church and graveyard at Killimor.	1,999.75

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M01328	Kildare	Clane and Donadea Church of Ireland	Conservation works to St Michael and All Angels Church (Hiberno-Romanesque Church) Clane, Co Kildare	6,000.00
M01333	Wicklow	Select Vestry of Calary Church	Conservation Plan for Calary Church	2,000.00
M01339	Sligo	St Anne's Select Vestry	Repairs to roof of St. Anne's Church, Knocknarea, Strandhill	12,000.00
M01359	Mayo	Knock Museum	Replace existing incandescent lights with LED lights to eliminate of harmful UV rays for objects on display at Knock Museum	740.00
M01360	Dublin	Saint Joseph's Young Priest Society	Repairs to façade at 23 Merrion Square, Dublin 2	9,000.00
M01368	Mayo	Mayo County Council	The Jackie Clarke Collection - Ireland's Memory. Creating a catalogue of the Moy Fishery Collection	3,000.00
M01380	Wexford	Wexford Borough Council	Conservation cleaning of the John Barry Memorial	3,000.00
M01385	Dublin	Dublin Cemeteries Committee, trading as Glasnevin Trust	Conservation Plan for Goldenbridge Cemetery, Inchicore, Dublin 8	10,000.00
M01387	Dublin	National Irish Visual Arts Library	Catalogue and preserve: an extensive collection of press material documenting the development and promotion of the Kilkenny Design Workshop Archive.	4,000.00
M01406	Galway	Willie Kelly	Consolidation of ruinous walls at Kiltullagh House, Galway c1700	5,000.00
M01418	Roscommon	Westward Holdings	Conservation, cataloguing, assessment and presentation of the collection of approx. 260 original glass plate negatives taken by Henry Pakenham Mahon c. 1860s-90s. Collection at Strokestown Park House	5,500.00
M01421	Dublin	Irish Architectural Archive	Conservation of original frame for architectural drawing of Cobh Cathedral	300.00
M01439	Donegal	Cooley Cross Heritage Development Committee	Cooley Graveyard Project	3,279.10
M01442	Tipperary	Cashel Town Council	Upgrade/Conservation of City Hall Cashel	3,000.00
M01459	Dublin	Deaf Heritage Centre	Development of a Database and Recording System of arefacts and materials, which display the rich tradition of 210 years of deaf education and community development.	7,500.00
M01474	Clare	Clare County Archives	Conservation of Board of Guardian Minute Books from four Poor law Unions - Corofin (1850-1924), Ennis (1849-1920), Ennistymon (1839-1924), Kilrush (1842-1921) and Scarriff.	5,000.00
M01483	Mayo	BirdWatch Ireland	Works to ensure protection of breeding lapwings at Annagh Marsh	20,000.00
M01495	Wexford	Wexford Hunt Club	Structural remedial works to vernacular stone stables of the Wexford Hunt Club.	12,000.00
M01503	Donegal	Carrickabraghy Conservation Group	Full Recording of the remains of the 16th century O' Doherty Castle on a rocky outcrop at Carrickabraghy, Isle of Doagh, Clonmany, Co Donegal	5,000.00

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M01506	Wexford	Hook Residents Association	Restoration of Stone walls on the Hook peninsula	8,000.00
M01520	Waterford	Portlaw Heritage Centre	Portlaw Heritage Archive Project	1,500.00
M01521	Roscommon	John Doyle	Phase 3 Roof Repair, Knockranny House, Keadue, Co. Roscommon.	15,000.00
M01533	Dublin	Irish Traditional Music Archive	Conservation of Long-Playing Discs of Irish Music	4,000.00
M01536	Kerry	Daingean Town Hall	Conservation works to Courthouse in Daingean	7,000.00
M01547	Roscommon	Padraig Corcoran	linnet plots, breeding wader programme, raparian habitat management & mink control at Mount Plunkett Nature Reserve	5,000.00
M01549	Donegal	Alyson Ferragu	Repairs to Stone Roofed House at Roshin, Dunfanaghy, Co Donegal	10,000.00
M01550	Tipperary	Fr Pat Malone	Repair works to St. Mary's of the Rosary, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	15,000.00
M01552	Kilkenny	Kilkenny County Council	Conservation Works to Evan's Home, The Quay, Kilkenny	15,000.00
M01582	Donegal	Joseph & Declan Brennan	Habitat management works at Cró Na mBraonáin Habitat & Grouse Sanctuary	6,000.00
M01618	Dublin	University College Dublin, Archives	Conservation of Wadding Papers / Franciscan MSS D 3	8,000.00
M01623	Galway	Conserv	Conservation Management Plan for St. Mary's RC Church Ballygar	3,500.00
M01637	Galway	Conserv	Conservation Management Plan for St Patrick's Church, Newbridge	3,500.00
M01639	Dublin	Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	Red Squirrel Conservation on Killiney Hill	6,000.00
M01642	Wexford	Vera Garry	Re-thatching of cottage at Oylegate, Enniscorthy	7,500.00
M01643	Limerick	The Irish Landmark Trust	Conservation of Goggin Cottage, Coolbeg, Co Limerick	10,000.00
M01645	Galway	South East Galway Integrated Rural Development Ltd.	Re-roof Block G of Portumna Workhouse	20,000.00
M01647	Longford	Select Vestry of Saint George's Church, Kenagh	Repairs to Saint George's Church, Kenagh, County Longford.	15,000.00
M01648	Cork	Brian McGee Cork City and County Archives	Conservation of Ryan-Purcell Estate Papers Correspondence	8,000.00
M01650	Limerick	Select Vestry Church of Ireland	Repairs to Adare Rectory	10,000.00
M01651	Offaly	Tullamore Union of Parishes	Conservation works to Church of St. Carthage, Rahan	15,000.00
M01652	Wicklow	Ruth Carden	A method to confirm the presence of muntjac deer in Co. Wicklow	10,000.00
M01661	Roscommon	Moore Gun Club	Red grouse management project on Ballydangan Bog	6,000.00
M01665	Donegal	Donna McGavigan	Restoration of Thatched Roof, Birdstown, Ballinadrait, Co Donegal	5,000.00
M01666	Donegal	Paul Ibbs	Renewal of Thatch at Shanaghan, Ardara	5,000.00
M01692	Wicklow	Parish of St Patrick, Wicklow Town	Conservation works to St. Patrick's Wicklow Town	15,000.00

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M01696	Waterford	Parish of Clonea & Rathgormack	Repairs to Stained glass window at Church of St Cuan & Broghan	15,000.00
M01701	Waterford	Parish of Abbeyside, Diocese of Waterford and Lismore	Roof repairs to St Augustine's Church, Dungarvan	8,000.00
M01703	Wexford	Brendan Doyle	Re-thatching of cottage at Ballymoteymore, Enniscorthy	4,000.00
M01709	Tipperary	Clonmel Union of Parishes	Conservation of the Memorial to Richard Butler, 2nd Earl of Glengall, St. Paul's Church, Cahir.	6,000.00
M01714	Kildare	Kildare County Council	Stabilisation Works at Leixlip Spa Toll House	10,000.00
M01716	Mayo	Paul Maguire	Furnace Restoration at Partry, Claremorris, Co Mayo	3,543.00
M01720	Meath	Julianstown and District Community Association	Conservation and Management Plan for Old Mill Site, Julianstown	5,000.00
M01732	Dublin	Parish of St Peter, Phibsborough	Conservation works to St. Peter's Church & Presbytery, Phibsborough, Dublin 7	20,000.00
M01746	Dublin	Pearse Museum	Restoration of the Account Book used by Pearse and Sons from 1898 to 1911	2,000.00
M01750	Wicklow	The Alfred Beit Foundation	Conservation repairs to the masonry and coatings to the West Wing, Russborough	18,000.00
M01763	Dublin	National University of Ireland	Conservation needs analysis of the NUI Archive by Conservator & boxing and stabilising of the oldest most vulnerable volumes	7,000.00
M01769	Sligo	The Model	Conservation of work-on-paper	3,000.00
M01774	Mayo	Michael Davitt National Memorial Association	Strategic Management Plan for Michael Davitt Museum	4,000.00
M01776	Roscommon	Padraig Corcoran	Repairs the old Mount Plunkett national school (1858 to 1959) on the site of Mount Plunkett Nature Reserve	18,000.00
M01778	Laois	Rathaspick Heritage Council	Conservation Strategy for Rathaspick Church, Ballylinan	2,700.00
M01787	Dublin	Fingal County Council	Conservation of the Red Squirrel on Howth Head	4,000.00
M01800	Wicklow	Coollattin Golf Club	Conservation of Wallpaper in the Library of Coollattin House, Shillelagh, Co Wicklow	5,200.00
M01801	Dublin	RDS Library	Preserving original large format documents and photographs from RDS Archives	1,400.00
M01802	Cork	Lewis Glucksman Gallery	Glucksman Storage Renovation Project	2,000.00
M01821	Cork	Bere Island Projects Group Ltd.	Invasive Species Eradication on Bere Island	1,000.00
M01845	Dublin	The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland	Preservation of unique documents from the archives of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.	1,381.83
M01846	Wicklow	Wicklow Deer Management Group	Development and implimentation of callaborative deer management plans in County Wicklow	8,000.00
M01850	Limerick	Adare Vestry Group, Church of Ireland.	Emergency Repairs to Church and West Tower of Kilpeakon Church	19,000.00
M01852	Kilkenny	Kilkenny Archaeological Society	Re- packaging and documenting the collection	8,000.00

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Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
M01863	Dublin	The Children's Sunshine Home	Cataloguing and Preservation Repacking of the Archives of the Sunshine Children's Home	4,000.00
M01874	Dublin	The Irish Jewish Museum	Conservation of Irish Jewish Museum's Textile Collection	8,000.00
M01879	Limerick	Adare Vestry Group, Church of Ireland	Emergency Roof Repairs to St Nicholas Church	10,000.00
M01895	Westmeath	St Etchen's Church Restoration Committee	Repair and Conservation of St Etchen's Church, Killucan, Co Westmeath	15,000.00
M01900	Offaly	Cistercian Community	Extensive repairs to the roof of the Stables which are situated in the historic walled garden at Mount St Joseph Abbey,	9,000.00
M01917	Kildare	Edmond Fardy	Conservation of thatched house at Ballykelly, Monasterevin, Co Kildare	3,000.00
M01919	Louth	Whitestown Conservation Group	Conservation works at Whitestown Clachan Settlement, Greenore, Co Louth	4,000.00
M01928	Nationwide	Lisa Dolan	An Irish Web-based Decision Support System for Landscaping with Native Species	2,971.00
M01938	Roscommon	Thomas Earley	Managed Expansion of Rare Species Habitat at Mountallen, Co Roscommon	10,000.00
M01942	Wexford	Wexford County Archive & Records Centre	Preservation of patterns and bound volumes in the New Ross Lace collection	849.92
M01946	Limerick	Limerick City Gallery of Art	Conservation of Art Works from Permanent Collection	4,000.00
M01954	Kerry	Birdwatch Ireland	Impact of American Mink on key seabird islands in Kerry	10,414.13
M01967	Carlow	Morgan Kavanagh	Repair works to Borris House	10,000.00
M01978	Dublin	Dublin Cemeteries Committee	Conservation of Monuments in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin 11	10,000.00
M01991	Dublin	Portmarnock Community Association	Eradication of giant hogweed in Sluice River and Marsh	2,500.00
M01997	Tipperary	Myles Sterling	Conservation Plan Casteltown, Coolbawn	3,000.00
M02012	Dublin	Dublin City Council	Heritage and Beyond in Dublin city Project- Management and Maintenance of the historic buildings resource	10,000.00
TOTAL				815,945.05

Conservation Plan Led Projects				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
CP02299	Kilkenny	Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Maeve O'Connell	Conservation and stabilisation of Medieval tower at Newtown, Jerpoint, Co. Kilkenny	20,000.00
CP02300	Sligo	Sligo County Council	Window restoration & re-instatement of original layout of Sligo Gaol in line with the Conservation Plan	20,000.00
CP02332	Offaly	Cistercian Community	Roof repairs and Farmyard survey at Mount St Joseph Abbey in line with the Conservation and Management Plan	25,000.00
CP02335	Kilkenny	Kilkenny Borough Council	To open up St. Mary's graveyard to public access by reinstatement of 2 no. pedestrian gates in the boundary wall of the graveyard in line with St. Mary's Church & Graveyard Conservation Plan	10,000.00
CP02347	Dublin	Dublin City Council	Window conservation works at 14 Henrietta Street- Phase 2 Conservation Programme	55,000.00
CP02352	Carlow	Morgan Kavanagh	Roof repairs, repairs to the ornate library ceiling and completion of a Survey and Condition Assessment at Borris House	20,000.00
<i>TOTAL</i>				150,000.00

Biodiversity Grants

Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
LB02216	Kerry	Kerry County Council	Management of Invasive Species at Reenagross Woodland Park	5,270.26
LB02218	Kilkenny	Kilkenny County Council	Protection of Daubentons Bat Roost at Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny	1,405.00
LB02222	Wicklow	Wicklow County Council	Wicklow's Living Coast - Interpretative signage project	11,339.34
LB02231	Waterford	Waterford County Council	Restoration Works to Tramore Dunes SAC	10,800.00
LB02235	Roscommon	Roscommon County Council	Mote Park Habitat Management Project	5,000.00
LB02238	Galway	Galway County Council	Interpretative signage & woodland enhancement works at Renville Park	19,000.00
LB02259	Louth	Louth County Council	Provision of minor infrastructural works to facilitate grazing at Clogherhead	2,144.12
LB02261	Tipperary	South Tipperary County Council	Bee 4 Biodiversity Interpretatio project along the River Suir	6,150.00
LB02262	Donegal	Donegal County Council	Interpretive Signage for Corncrake Habitat Management on Tory Island, County Donegal	3,741.94
LB02269	Mayo	Mayo County Council	Control of Gunnera tinctoria in Mayo	7,970.58
LB02270	Clare	Clare County Council	Upgrading of Communication and Information Technology in the Ennis Bypass Bat House	4,864.77
LB02271	Louth	Dundalk Town Council	Dundalk bird observation platform & information centre	16,000.00
LB02272	Clare	Clare County Council	Removal of Invasive Species from Abbey Hill, the Burren, Co. Clare	4,994.53
LB02274	Meath	Meath Local Authorities	Biodiversity Interpretative Signage for Navan, Co. Meath	8,600.00
LB02275	Waterford	Waterford County Council	Signage Project on Biodiversity and nature conservation	7,300.00
LB02283	Fingal	Fingal County Council	Woodland management and wetland development in the Liffey Valley	4,900.00
<i>TOTAL</i>				119,480.54

Landscape Policy Grants				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
D02464	Wexford	Joan & Ray Codd	Conservation works at Clonmines, Co Wexford	2,270.00
D03416	Dublin	Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland	Funding for Continued Professional Development Co-ordinator & Administrator	10,000.00
D03436	Galway	European Forum on Nature Conservation & Pastoralism	High Nature Value Farming Capital works on the Aran Islands, Co Galway	8,048.40
D03438	Ireland	University College Cork	Publication of Monograph based on the People of Pre Historic Ireland	5,000.00
D03440	Meath	University College Dublin	Knowth Excavation Publication	15,000.00
D03451	Meath	Discovery Programme Ltd	Preparation of Conservation Plan for Hill of Tara	15,000.00
D03461	Ireland	Leave No Trace	Leave No Trace Ireland Project activities - promoting the responsible recreational use of the outdoors.	7,500.00
D03464	Dublin	Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland	Seminar on H.G. Leask	400.00
D03465	Galway	European Forum For Nature Conservation and Pastoralism	High Nature Value Farming Project - Aran Islands, Iveragh Peninsula and North Connemara	30,000.00
000194	Waterford	Waterford Treasures	International Viking Conference-Viking Woodstown & Hibernio Norse Waterford: Their Place in the Viking World	1,000.00
<i>TOTAL</i>				94,218.40

Valuing Heritage Grants				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
D03414	Clare	Burrenbeo Trust	Education and Information Activities	20,000.00
D03419	National	Sue Kilbracken	All Ireland Mushroom Festival	1,000.00
D03422	National	Birdwatch Ireland	BirdWatch Bird Atlas	26,000.00
D03423	Ireland	Oral History Network Of Ireland	Inaugural Conference of the Oral History Network of Ireland (OHNI)	1,000.00
D03424	Kildare	Athy Heritage Centre& Museum	WW1 Convention'	2,000.00
D03433	National	Society of Archivists	Core Funding to Society of Archivists	2,249.61
D03435	National	Coillte	Evaluation of the public goods value of landscape, biodiversity and cultural heritage	5,000.00
D03442	National	Community Archaeology Ireland	EPOCH- Engaging the Public through Outreach and Communicating Heritage	7,000.00
D03460	National	The Irish Biogeographical Society	Annual Sponsorship of the Bulletin of the Irish Biogeographical Society 2011	600.00
D03463	National	Irish Museums Association	Core Funding to Irish Museums Association	8,500.00
D03476	Ireland	Council for British Archaeology	Database on British& Irish Archaeology	10,300.00
<i>TOTAL</i>				83,649.61

Material Culture Grants				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
D03418	National	Trevor Stacey Representative Church Body	Stained Glass Survey 2011	5,500.00
D03434	National	ICHAWI Institute for Conservation ICHAWI	CPD Awards for Conservation Practitioners	2,000.00
<i>TOTAL</i>				7,500.00

Infrastructure Grants				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
D03417	Cork	Bere Island Projects Group	Realisation of Bere Island Conservation Plan	20,000.00
D03425	Dublin	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	Biodiversity Officer for Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area	12,000.00
D03428	Clare	Clare County Council	Biodiversity Officer for County Clare	20,012.46
D03429	Clare	Burrenbeo Trust	Field Monument Advisor for County Clare	15,000.00
D03430	Galway	Galway County Council	Galway County People and Nature Officer for Galway County	27,385.11
D03431	Galway	Galway County Council	Field Monument Advisor for County Galway	15,000.00
D03432	Dublin	Fingal County Council	Field Monument Advisor for Fingal County Council	15,000.00
D03449	Ireland	National Biodiversity Data Centre	Irish Butterfly Monitoring Scheme 2011, and National Invasive Species Database	69,114.00
000434	Ireland	Woodlands of Ireland	Core Funding Grant 2011	40,000.00
000322	Ireland	Wicklow Uplands Council	Core Funding Grant 2011	65,000.00
000317	Galway	Galway County Council	Seminar regarding the Heritage Boats Audit	3,000.00
<i>TOTAL</i>				301,511.57

County Heritage Plan				
Ref. Number	County	Recipient Name	Project Title	Amount Paid €
C01405	Offaly	Offaly County Council	Publication of 'Croghan Hill - A Study of Three Parishes'	10,000.00
C01412	Laois	Laois County Council	Events during Biodiversity Week and Heritage Week and a conference in Nov 2011 to raise awareness on heritage	9,750.00
C01420	Laois	Laois County Council	Graveyards Audit of Laois	7,467.59
C01481	Monaghan	Monaghan County Council	Conference to promote and disseminate the findings of Monaghan Heritage Plan projects 2006-2010	5,000.00
C01585	Cork	Cork City Council	Discover Cork City: Schools Heritage Project	7,500.00
C01586	Cork	Cork City Council	Heritage Open Day and Heritage Week Events	11,220.45
C01625	Cork	Cork County Council	Habitat Mapping- identification, survey and mapping of areas of local biodiversity value, ecological corridors and habitats of county importance	28,000.00
C01635	Offaly	Offaly County Council	A series of heritage awareness events including the Offaly Naturalists' Field Club, Heritage Week and the Annual Seminar	4,838.00
C01640	Offaly	Offaly County Council	3 d scanning of Lemanaghan, Gallen graveslabs	20,000.00
C01809	Laois	Laois County Council	Booklet on the Garden Heritage of Laois	3,000.00
C01813	Kerry	Kerry County Council	Archaeological Graveyard Survey of 17 graveyards	12,000.00
C01876	Dublin	Dublin City Council	Documentation of Dublin's 20th Century Architecture	18,619.51
C01904	Galway	Galway County Council	Heritage Audit of Lough Derg	6,121.34
C01906	Galway	Galway County Council	Galway County Heritage Website	11,445.86
C01907	Galway	Galway County Council	Industrial Heritage Audit Part 2	13,000.00
C02023	Meath	Meath County Council	Meath Heritage Awareness activities Programme 2011	7,000.00
C02024	Tipperary	South Tipperary County Council	Raising Awareness Projects	20,000.00
C02027	Monaghan	Monaghan County Council	Historic Landscape Characterisation Castleblayney	11,550.00
C02028	Donegal	Donegal County Council	Survey of Dry-Stone Wall Types in County Donegal (Action 2.22)	15,000.00
C02029	Waterford	Waterford County Council	Habitat Mapping of Tramore (Local Area Plan Area)	2,135.85
C02030	Monaghan	Monaghan County Council	Wetland Survey of 60 sites	13,150.00
C02032	Cork	Cork County Council	Awareness Raising activities of Corks Architectural Conservation Areas	4,326.00
C02034	Louth	Louth County Council	Louth Wetland Survey	16,275.00
C02035	Kildare	Kildare County Council	Development of statement of Architectural Conservation Area for Kildare	10,612.50
C02036	Kildare	Kildare County Council	Habitat Mapping in Rathangan and Kill	4,950.00
C02039	Kerry	Kerry County Council	Conservation Plans for Killagha Abbey and Abbeydorney Abbey, Kerry	10,000.00
C02040	Wicklow	Wicklow County Council	County Wicklow Wetlands Survey	14,999.69

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C02041	Sligo	Sligo County Council	Project Manager to oversee the finalisation, adoption and implementation of 3 conservation plans, namely Sligo Gaol, Inishmurray and Carrowkeel.	13,360.96
C02042	Kerry	Kerry County Council	Invasive Species - Pilot County Mapping and Eradication Training Project.	5,000.00
C02043	Dublin	Dublin City Council	Conservation Plan for Pigeon House Power Station, Hotel, Harbour and Fort	15,000.00
C02044	Monaghan	Monaghan County Council	International Blacksmiths Forge-In-bringing together members of the Irish and British Artist Blacksmiths Associations in Monaghan town for a week of public events	5,300.00
C02046	Dublin	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	Exhibition on Martello Towers of Dublin in Fingal and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	15,956.19
C02048	Mayo	Mayo County Council	Audit of the Geological Heritage of County Mayo	11,000.00
C02052	Dublin	Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	Public Biodiversity Events	3,025.00
C02053	Clare	Clare County Council	Lough Derg Heritage Audit	10,000.00
C02054	Meath	Meath County Council	Green Infrastructure Strategy for County Meath	14,000.00
C02055	Meath	Meath County Council	Booklet to celebrate and promote the biodiversity of County Meath and	8,015.50
C02056	Meath	Meath County Council	Photographic archive of County Meath	5,550.00
C02057	Mayo	Mayo County Council	Ecclesiastical Trail of County Mayo and West County Galway	15,000.00
C02059	Mayo	Mayo County Council	Traditional Farm Building Booklet	5,475.00
C02060	Mayo	Mayo County Council	Mayo Heritage Day	4,525.00
C02061	Wicklow	Wicklow County Council	Villages of Wicklow Publication & Event	3,577.50
C02064	Louth	Louth County Council	Creation of Biodiversity Enhancement Plans for various villages	7,500.00
C02068	Clare	Clare County Council	Continuation of Clare Habitat Mapping Project- Completion of the Mid Clare area	15,000.00
C02069	Cavan	Cavan County Council	Cavan County Graveyard Survey	12,000.00
C02076	Dublin	Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	Assessment of Potential Annex I Habitats in DLR	3,630.00
C02087	Kilkenny	Kilkenny County Council	Publication on the Archaeological Landscapes of Co. Kilkenny	18,575.47
C02088	Sligo	Sligo County Council	Sligo Wetlands Survey Phase IV	11,250.00
C02095	Galway	Galway City	One Day Conference (Galway Cemeteries and their Heritage)	5,560.00
C02102	Louth	Louth County Council	Raising awareness and protection of selected ACAs in Louth	9,900.00
C02104	Tipperary	South Tipperary County Council	River Suir Heritage Survey and Interactive website	10,000.00
C02105	Tipperary	South Tipperary County Council	Adopt a Monument / Community Green Space Programmes	5,000.00
C02112	Kilkenny	Kilkenny County Council	River Nore Heritage Audit Phase 2	16,250.00

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C02113	Dublin	South Dublin County Council	County Habitat Mapping	19,004.13
C02116	Waterford	Waterford County Council	Geological Audit of County Waterford	7,425.00
C02131	Waterford	Waterford County Council	Heritage and Biodiversity Week events	1,417.49
C02132	Dublin	Fingal County Council	Fingal Geological Heritage Publication	6,675.00
C02135	Dublin	Fingal County Council	Structural Assessment of Monuments in Fingal County Council's ownership	7,441.50
C02140	Cavan	Cavan County Council	Invasive Species Survey	10,125.00
C02141	Donegal	Donegal County Council	Study of Booley Huts (Buaile) & Sites in County Donegal (Action 2.3)	12,500.00
C02145	Dublin	Dublin City Council	Level 3 Habitat Mapping and Green Infrastructure Audit of Candidate Local Area Plans	15,000.00
C02147	Tipperary	North Tipperary County Council	Heritage Training - Graveyard Seminar & Biodiversity Training	8,257.43
C02148	Galway	Galway County Council	Heritage Audit of Lough Derg	10,000.00
C02194	Roscommon	Roscommon CoCo	Living History Project	2,500.00
C02196	Roscommon	Roscommon CoCo	Medieval Midsummer Festival	2,500.00
C03448	Longford	Longford Local Authorities	Invasive Species Survey - Phase 1	7,875.00
544	Clare	Clare County Council	Medieval Churches and Graveyard Survey	8,685.00
<i>TOTAL</i>				666,817.96

